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MR. LEE HYSAN IN LIBEL ACTION.

THE OPIUM MONOPOLY OF MACAO.

OFFICIAL RESENTS ALLEGED CORRUPTION CHARGE.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

A sensational case relating to the Macao Opium Monopoly opened in the Supreme Court before Sir Henry Gollan, this morning, when Mr. Lee Hysan was sued by Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, of Macao, for damages for libel and injunction to restrain Mr. Lee Hysan from further publication of the words complained of.

The alleged libel was contained in an exhibit attached to a petition to H.E. the Governor of Macao, and suggested, among other things, $120,000 had been paid by the Yau Seng Company to enable them to acquire the Macao Opium Monopoly.

The plaintiff said that the words suggested gross misconduct attaching to his duties as a Government official. The petition was sent by Mr. Lee Hysan to H.E. the Governor of Macao in August last year, and it is now denied that the document was in any way defamatory.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., appeared for plaintiff, together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, whilst Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appeared for defendant.

Contained in Petition.

Mr. Alabaster stated that the plaintiff claimed damages for a libel contained in a document entitled "Exhibit Part VI, marked H" attached to a petition to H. E. the Governor of Macao.

The document in question purported to be a translation of a letter in Chinese from Fung Cheong to the defendant.

Counsel read the document in question, which stated that the writer of the letter had consulted a friend with regard to the Yau Sing Company and would put before Mr. Lee Hysan what he had been told.

"The Yau Seng Company," went on the translation, "has acquired this opium monopoly not by successful tender in open competition but through the influence of certain persons. It is Ah Nok (Chinese character sound) and the new Opium Officer, Lo Bo (Chinese character sound) who used their influence to put matters through. The Government allowed this Company to do what they likely. Nominally, it is a Government monopoly run according to law, but in fact it is a case in which the head of a sheep was hung for a signboard and dog's flesh was sold instead.

$120,000 Expended.

"For obtaining this privilege, not only have much efforts been extended by influential persons but the sum of $120,000 has been expended. According to the announcement of the Company to the shareholders, the sum of $70,000 was paid through Ah Nok's hand to Tuk Po (Chinese character sound; you can find out the meaning of it or who he is) and the sum of $60,000 through Lo Bo to Tsoi Teng, (Chinese character sound; you can find out the meaning of it and who he is) and for all other expenses inclusive."

The letter, as translated in the document in question, also stated that the writer had been told that the Yau Seng Company had openly invited (people) in Hongkong, Canton and Macao to subscribe towards the share capital and the limit thereto was $2,000,000. The writer had asked his friend to lend him some share scrip of the Yau Seng Company for exhibition. "He said he could sell his scrip to me ranging from $50 to $1,000 each and I could buy from him at any time. Now I have bought a receipt for $100 shares and I enclose same herewith. Inspection thereof will make you understand (all)."

"Bribery and Corruption."

Reading from the pleading, counsel said plaintiff claimed that the words quoted meant and were understood by those who read them and /or heard them read to mean that the plaintiff had

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SHOCKING NAVAL TRAGEDY.

ENGINEER KILLED ON H.M.S. COURAGEOUS.

8 SERIOUSLY INJURED.

London, Mar. 25.

A fatal accident on board H.M.S. Courageous, the magnificient new aircraft carrier, is reported in a communique issued by the Admiralty yesterday.

The communique states:—"The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that a serious accident occurred in H.M.S. Courageous this forenoon, during the trial of a pump, resulting in the death from injuries, of a Warrant Engineer, and serious injuries to a Chief Stoker, a boilermaker and a fitter."

A Court of Enquiry into the accident is to be held at Devonport to-morrow.—*British Wireless.*

Built during the war as one of Lord Fisher's famous trio of "hush-hush" cruisers, the Courageous has just recently been re-floated after having been converted into an aircraft carrier.

The work of rebuilding has been in hand since the early part of 1924 and has cost over £2,000,000. A like sum or more was expended upon her in the first instance as a cruiser.

JARDINE STEAMER FIRED ON.

ANTI-FOREIGN INCIDENTS ALONG YANGTSZE.

After a long spell of relief from anti-foreign incidents on the Yangtsze, a recurrence is reported in naval wireless messages received to-day.

The Jardine steamer, s.s. Kingwo was making her way up river when she was fired on from the shore. It is not known who were guilty of the outrage, which occurred about forty miles beyond Ichang. Fortunately there were no casualties though the vessel was struck in several places.

At Chinkiang, houses in the British Concession have been occupied by Chinese troops; and a Consular protest has been sent to the Chinese authorities.

A message from Chenglin states that a small mounted patrol, presumably composed of members of the local militia, is now stationed on the south bank of the river about nineteen miles above Chenglin.

DISASTER FOR ARMED ROBBERS.

TWO DROWNED IN EXCITING AFFAIR.

An attempted armed robbery in the Harbour on Saturday night had disastrous consequences for the desperadoes, two of them being drowned, it is thought, while the third is in the custody of the Police.

The men engaged a sampan at the Mongkok Ferry Wharf and told the boat-woman to take them to Kowloon. In the middle of the Harbour, they produced revolvers and attempted to rob the sampan.

A struggle was put up however, and in the excitement the craft overturned precipating all into the water. A passing junk picked up the boat-woman and one of her two children, the other unfortunately being drowned.

One of her late "passengers" hal also been picked up, and she denounced him, the Water Police taking him into custody. Of the other robbers, nothing more has been heard, and it is presumed they were drowned.

INDIA & PETROLEUM PRICE WAR.

PROTECTION OF INTERESTS CONSIDERED.

Delhi, Mar. 25.

The Government of India has announced that the Tariff Board has been instructed to enquire immediately into the question of the protection of Indian petroleum against a petroleum price war.—*Reuter.*

$1,000 CLAIMED AS DAMAGES.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

SOLICITOR'S APPLICATION IN HAYNES CASE.

THREE DEFENDANTS.

A claim for $1,000 damages for alleged wrongful imprisonment was heard in the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood. The case was one in which Pang Chau, the managing partner of the Chau On Transportation Company, carrying on business at 118, Praya East, Hongkong, sued C. M. Houghton, Suen Kam-shun (*alias* Suen Sui-fong) and L. E. Haynes, all of the South China Trade Protection Association, 6, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. E. el Arculli was for the plaintiff and Mr. R. A. Wadeson defended Mr. Haynes, who was present in court. The other two defendants were in Court but they were not legally represented.

Mr. Wadeson said that before the case was opened, he wished his Lordship to make it clear that the cases against the separate defendants were separate cases.

His Lordship remarked that he did not quite follow. He understood that the claim was against all of them. He had read the statement of claim and from it he inferred that the allegation made was made against all three, as a joint act on their part, that they refused to let the plaintiff go.

Separate Cases.

Mr. Wadeson replied that the statement contained no particulars of how they refused to let the plaintiff go, so that as it now came to taking the evidence, he would like to have the evidence quite clearly divided as to which evidence was against which defendant.

His Lordship:—You are not asking for three separate claims?

Mr. Wadeson:—I am, I should suggest that you take Mr. Haynes first for this reason.....

His Lordship:—No.

Mr. Wadeson continued that he had a very good reason. During the course of the proceedings there was some evidence taken before the Registrar. That was evidence relating to a conversation between Suen Kam-shun and Mr. L. D. Turner, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, which he told to Mr. Arculli over the telephone. That would not be admissible as evidence against Mr. Haynes.

His Lordship:—Quite.

Application Refused.

Mr. Wadeson said that was why he would suggest that the case against Mr. Haynes be taken first.

His Lordship:—I don't agree. I will take them altogether and separate the evidence in my mind.

Mr Arculli, in outlining the history of the case, said that Houghton was an accountant of the South China Trade Protection Association and Suen Kau-shun was, until recently, a solicitors' clerk employed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall. He was also a member of the Association.

On January 18th last, continued Mr. Arculli, Houghton wrote a letter to the plaintiff asking him to call at the office of the Association. Plaintiff called, as requested, at four o'clock on the afternoon of January 19th, when he saw Houghton. Houghton told plaintiff that he (Houghton) had been handed certain books of the Chau Hing Motor Transportation Company. There was some dispute about an amount of $750, but after some talk Houghton requested plaintiff to return again the next day.

Locked in Room.

On returning at noon the following day, plaintiff found no one on the premises except an office coolie and he was asked to attend again at 2.15 on the same afternoon. He went back to the office at the time, accompanied by a friend named Lau On, and was taken by Suen to see Haynes. Houghton was present. A conversation took place between Suen and Haynes, and plaintiff was told that he would have to pay $750 to a client of the Association. Plaintiff refused to pay, and Suen obtained a key from Haynes and locked the door. At that time in addition to plaintiff, the three defendants were inside,

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PROUD TRADITIONS OF LLOYDS.

KING EULOGISES REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

TRADE TRANSFORMED.

London, Mar. 25.

The opening yesterday, by the King, of Lloyds' new buildings in the City was an impressive spectacle.

In the course of his speech in reply to the Address of welcome, H.M. the King referred to the long history of the corporation of Lloyds.

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MISSIONARY MEET IN PALESTINE.

IMPRESSIVE GATHERING AT MOUNT OF OLIVES.

VIGOROUS ADDRESS.

Jerusalem, Mar. 25.

The slopes of the Mount of Olives, on which had been erected special camps, presented an astonishing and impressive sight at the opening of the Conference of the Protestant Missionary forces from all over the world.

Two hundred and forty representatives of 51 countries were included, and half the delegates hailed from young native Churches such as China, India, Japan, Africa and the Philippine Islands.

Dr. John Mott, the International Leader of the Y.M.C.A., in opening the Conference, defined its object as taking stock of the crucial conditions of missionary work, drawing world-wide attention to the importance of Christianity, to define an attitude towards new national groups, and developing racial consciousness.

He hoped the Conference would promote a united policy of the older and younger churches which would enable the Western impact on the rest of the world to have Christian background. He expressed the opinion that if this had been the case in the past, there would have been few race problems, and no complaints of unequal treaties or of the exploitation of native labour.—*Reuter.*

FAMOUS SHIPYARD DESTROYED.

FIRE DEMOLISHES HISTORIC DUTCH PREMISES.

Amsterdam, Mar. 25.

The Mill De Groot Vorst at Zeandum, well-known for its association with Peter the Great, who during his first tour of Europe worked there for some time as a common shipwright and learned ship-building, has been destroyed by fire.—*Reuter.*

F. A. CUP RE-PLAY.

The re-play in the semi-final of the English Cup between Huddersfield Town and Sheffield United takes place to-day, according to a British wireless message.

GENEVA CREATES PESSIMISM.

DISARMAMENT TALKS DISAPPOINT.

RUSSIA REJOICES AT SUCCESS OF HER PLANS.

BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Mar. 25.

The discussions of the Disarmament Commission, which have now closed, have given rise to a certain amount of pessimism, the feeling of many of the delegates being that an impression has been created that the League has received a set-back.

The relations of the great Powers have not been improved, largely owing to the tone introduced into the discussion by the Soviet delegation, especially the spirit of over-bidding and agitation.

Some of the delegates have even expressed the opinion that the Commission will not meet again, but this is regarded as too pessimistic. It is certain that the Committee of Arbitration will hold its third Session in June when it will be seen whether any progress towards disarmament has been made.

Rumours Denied.

The American delegate, Admiral Hilary Jones, whose departure from America was delayed by illness has arrived at Geneva after the close of the Session.

It is learned that contrary to current reports, his arrival is not connected with supposed conversations between British, American and Japanese experts with a view to reaching a basis of understanding with regard to naval disarmament.

American circles here declare that nothing will be done in this connexion until the revision of the Washington Convention is discussed in 1931.

German Bitterness.

Berlin, Mar. 25.

Count Bernstorff's outburst during the final sitting of the Disarmament Commission is strongly supported in official quarters and the Press generally.

The proceedings of the Commission are described as "sabotage" and "fiasco" and it is declared that they have given the impression that the main object of the Commission has been to postpone disarmament.

If other Powers do not carry out their obligations to Germany, it is declared, then Germany is released from hers.

Russian Loud-Speaker.

Riga, Mar. 25.

The Soviet Press is much gratified at the publicity gained through the Geneva conferences, and talks of the prospects of further opportunities of reaching the masses through Geneva, which the Communists facetiously describe as "our new loud-speaker."—*Reuter.*

British Proposals.

London, Mar. 25.

Definite proposals involving a substantial step towards naval disarmament and great reductions in naval expenditude were yesterday put before delegates of Powers signatory to the Washington naval limitation treaty at Geneva.

This is announced in a communique issued at Geneva as follows: "It will be remembered that in the course of his speech at the meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission on Tuesday last, when dealing with the proposed disarmament plan of the Soviet Government, Lord Cushendun referred to the attitude of the British Government in regard to capital ships.

"In doing so he drew attention to the statement made by the British delegation at last year's three-power Naval Conference at Geneva, suggesting further reduction in the size of capital ships and an increase in the accepted life of these vessels.

"To-day Lord Cushendun has addressed a Note to the representatives on the Commission of the United States of America, France, Japan, and Italy, the signatory power to the Washington Treaty.

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FRENCH FINANCIAL RECOVERY.

M. POINCARE REVIEWS HIS STEWARDSHIP.

NOT OUT OF DANGER.

Bordeaux, Mar. 25.

The much-advertised speech of M. Poincare on the eve of the General Election reviewing his stewardship was delivered to-day before about 2,500 guests at a lunch given at the Chamber of Commerce.

M. Poincare dealt at length with the country's escape from the maelstrom of depreciated currency and declared that the occupation of the Ruhr had been most fruitless.

He stated further that if the Ruhr had not been occupied by foreign troops, the Dawes Scheme would have proved barren.

M. Poincare appealed for the postponement of Party squabbles until France had completely negotiated the danger zone, and added that now the Budget was definitely balanced, it would be possible to readjust taxes and lighten the burden of the working classes.

The Government was anxious to press forward the economic recovery of the country.—*Reuter.*

TIENTSIN POLITICAL ASSASSINATION.

AUTHORITIES MAKE MANY ARRESTS.

Tientsin, Mar. 25.

The dastardly murder of General Chang Shou-tseng, ex-Premier of China, in the Chinese city, Tientsin, has been followed by extensive arrests of suspects. In one case a whole family has been taken into custody pending trial.

The ex-Premier is connected, by the marriage of his son, to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," and it is suggested that the murder was inspired by political motives.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has ordered the arrest of the assassins and the payment of compensation to the family of the deceased.

Chang Tso-lin also sent his representative, General Chu Yu-pu, civil and military governor of Chihli, to the residence of the late ex-Premier to pay his last respects.

DETENTION OF WAR MATERIAL.

JUGO-SLAVIA ALLOWS TRUCKS TO PROCEED.

Belgrade, Mar. 25.

General Hadjitch, the War Minister, has issued a statement to the Press with regard to the holding up of a goods train at the frontier station and the discovery of a huge consignment of explosives "alleged to be consigned from Italy to Rumania."

He explained that the railway trucks were detained by the Jugo-Slav authorities as it was conceivable that the war material might be destined for some other State than that to which it was addressed, but the matter had now been cleared up and the trucks allowed to proceed to Rumania.—*Reuter.*

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM'S ACTIVITIES.

RETURNING TO CANTON IN A WEEK?

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Marshal Li Chai-sum is having a very busy time attending many social functions given by prominent militarists and politicians in Nanking in his honour.

Following another interview with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on Saturday, they paid a visit to the famous resort of Tong Shan, Nanking.

Tsai Yuan-pei and Wu Tsz-hui, both Kuomintang Commissioners and famous Chinese scholars, have sent messages to Marshal Li announcing their arrival in Nanking to-morrow to meet the Canton leader.

It is stated Marshal Li will return to Canton within six or seven days.

TENSE SITUATION AT AMOY.

STRONG ANTI-JAPAN FEELING.

MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWS BIG STRIKE.

CHINESE DEMANDS.

Latest reports to hand indicate that the anti-Japanese trouble in Amoy, caused by the recent arrest, by Japanese consular authorities, of Korean students of the Whampoa Cadet College, is becoming more intense.

The agitation has also spread to Shanghai, due, it is said, to a report that a Japanese cruiser has despatched a consignment of ammunition to the Consulate at Amoy. The anti-Japanese feeling in Shanghai is also attributable in part to the failure to settle the recent Yangtsze collision in which the s.s. Atsuta Maru sank a Chinese ship, with the result that some three hundred lives were lost.

Protest and Strike.

Ever since the detention of the Korean students, more than a fortnight ago, anti-Japanese organisations have been extremely active in Amoy, but matters appear to have reached a head on Thursday last, when, according to Chinese reports, the Foreign Commissioner lodged a protest with the Japanese Consul against the detention of the students and the alleged deportation of two of their number to Japan.

On the following day (Friday) the Anti-Japanese Society decided to call a day's general strike of labourers, students and merchants, with the result that the Customs House, the Post Office, native banks and theatres shut down.

The strike began at six o'clock in the morning, and all shipping was held up for a considerable time, but business shops opened again after six o'clock in the evening.

Want Police Disbanded.

At a meeting of the Anti-Japanese Society on the same day, a petition was lodged with the Government demanding that the Japanese Police force be disbanded within 48 hours, but the reply from the Chinese authorities was that before taking such a step, the sanction of the Nationalist Government would have to be obtained.

A later report says the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs sent a communique to the Japanese Consul yesterday demanding the immediate withdrawal of the Japanese Police Force from Amoy.

On Saturday, the Chinese authorities stationed troops in the vicinity of the Japanese Consulate General to protect the Japanese officials there. No untoward incident has occurred so far.

Martial Law.

Another Chinese cable states that the Chinese authorities, in view of the tense situation, have declared Martial Law.

The Anti-Japanese Society has held several secret meetings but it is not known what decisions they have reached so far, although it is said that to-morrow (Tuesday)) they are to call another big meeting of all Chinese people in Amoy.

Neither the British naval authorities in Hongkong nor the Japanese Consulate-General have received any information of the developments at Amoy.

The Shanghai Trouble.

Regarding the anti-Japanese feeling in Shanghai, it will be recalled that the Atsuta Maru was ordered to be detained by Mr. Quo Tsi-chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, pending a settlement of the claims of the owners of the Hsin Da Ming, the Chinese-owned vessel which was sent to the bottom of the river when struck by the Atsuta Maru on the night of February 18.

New development in the controversy last week included a statement by the Japanese that the board of arbitrators suggested by the owners of the Hsin Da Ming must be limited to four members and not five, as was recommended

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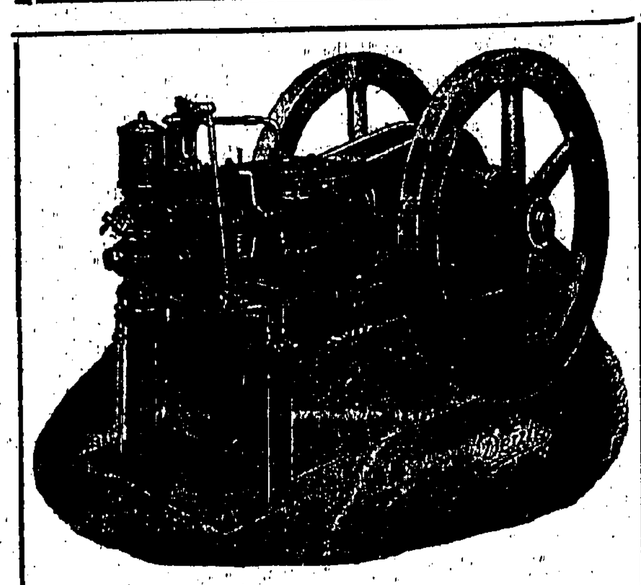

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THE DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS.

BRITAIN PUTS FORWARD NEW BASIS.

London, Mar. 24.

Lord Cushendun has sent a Note to the representatives of the signatories of the Washington Treaty, detailing the British naval limitation proposals, as follows:

1. Any battleships to be built shall be of under 30,000 tons.
2. Reduce the guns from the present 16 inch to 13.5 inches.
3. Extend the life of the existing capital ships from twenty to twenty-six years, this involving waiver of the Powers full rights under the replacement tables agreed upon at Washington.

The Note adds that it would be advantageous if agreement could be reached before the commencement of the capital-ship replacement programme provided for in the Washington Treaty.—*Reuter.*

Important and Promising.

London, Mar. 25.

Lord Cushendun's new battleship proposals are regarded by London commentators as a most important and promising phase of the disarmament parleys.

The proposals resemble those submitted to the Naval Conference at Geneva, where they did not encounter real opposition. They are now extended to France and Italy, and it is predicted that an agreement can easily be reached as regards battleships, which incidentally will pave the way to resumption of the Three Power discussions on cruisers.—*Reuter.*

Percentage Reduction.

Geneva, Mar. 24, 12.45 p.m.

Notwithstanding the Chairman's ruling yesterday the Soviet delegation later issued a new partial and progressive disarmament scheme under which armies and naval armaments are reduced by graduated percentages based on their present strengths.—*Reuter.*

Details of Scheme.

Geneva, Mar. 24.

The Soviet scheme provides that the States shall be divided into four groups, as follows:

1. Those having 200,000 men with the colours should halve the number.
2. Those with 40,000 men should reduce to a third.
3. Those with smaller numbers should reduce to a quarter.
4. The Disarmament Conference should settle the strength of States disarmed as the result of the World War.

Naval tonnage above 200,000 should be halved, and tonnage below that should be quartered.

The draft convention abolishes armoured cars and long-range guns, and strictly limits other armaments. It abolishes military aircraft and chemical warfare materials within a year.

It lays down that the provisions of the scheme should be carried out under the supervision of an International Commission of Control composed of representatives of legislative bodies and workers' representatives, assisted by Service experts.

There is not the slightest chance of the scheme being discussed at the present session. The general opinion is that it was prepared before the arrival of the Soviet delegation, for launching in the event of the first scheme failing to gain support.—*Reuter.*

Session Concludes.

Geneva, Mar. 24.

The Disarmament Commission has concluded its session after embittered speeches by Dr. Bernstorff (Germany) and M. Litvinoff (Russia), who declared that nothing had been done to advance disarmament.

The Commission passed resolutions to the effect that the first Soviet disarmament convention is inacceptable. Their second proposal will be considered at the next session, which will be convoked only when the difficulties between nations regarding the proposed League Convention are overcome.

Dr. Bernstorff urged the Commission to fix a date for the meeting of the Disarmament Conference, but Baron Saito (Japan) expressed the opinion that this would be over-stepping the mandate they had received from the League Assembly. He agreed with Britain and America that the proper course would be to adjourn the second reading of the Draft Convention until next session, which should be convened as early as possible.—*Reuter.*

Britain's Attitude.

London, Mar. 24.

At Geneva, Lord Cushendun, in a statement referring to M. Litvinoff's reply to his speech, said it amounted to an admission that the Soviet did not regard civil war as war.

The main case against the Soviet Republics was not that they fought for their own objects but that their whole world policy was to create civil war. He was in possession of authentic figures showing that enormous sums had been spent by the Soviet in supplying arms to the Chinese Nationalists. Great Britain's part at Shanghai had been taken purely for the protection of the lives of British subjects and their property, and incidentally those of other Europeans. It also revealed Britain's chief difficulty in the matter of disarmament.

Although it would be relatively easy for some countries to indicate the needs for their internal security, Great Britain had always to keep before her eyes possibilities like that of Shanghai.

Foreign nations always expected Britain to lead, and there was considerable feeling in England itself that we ought to disarm more now because no war was imminent. Nations and critics did not, however, realise what Britain had already done. From the point of view of tactics, it would have been better if she had done nothing.

What a sensation could then have been made if the British delegate had been able to state that Britain was prepared to scrap, say, one thousand fighting ships, of a total tonnage of two millions! Yet as matter of fact Britain had done this largely from the point of view of economy.

Again, despite France's overwhelming superiority in the air, Great Britain had had no hesitation in reducing her great air fleet. It was also Great Britain which had prepared the first draft convention for the reduction of armaments.—*British Wireless.*

America's Army.

Washington, Mar. 24.

President Coolidge has signed the War Department appropriation of $3,985,000,000, providing for maintenance of the present force.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUBBER INQUIRY.

CHAIRMAN A WELL-KNOWN BANKER.

London, Mar. 24.

It is now generally stated, says the *Morning Post*, that the Chairman of the Civil Research Committee dealing with rubber restriction, is Sir Herbert Hambling.—*Reuter.*

[Sir Herbert Hambling is Deputy Chairman of Barclay's Bank and late General-Manager of the London, Provincial and South-Western Bank. He is a Director of several big Companies, including Imperial Airways Ltd. and is President of the Institute of Bankers.]

Dutch Visit Postponed.

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.

It is learned that the Dutch Rubber Committee's visit to London has been postponed, by British request, until April 2.—*Reuter.*

UNIVERSITY SPORTS MEETING.

SEVERAL RECORDS BROKEN.

The breaking of three records and the equalling of a fourth one were events which aroused the students to a high pitch of enthusiasm at the annual sports of the Hongkong University, which were held on the University ground, Pokfulum, on Saturday afternoon. It was a convincing display of the progressive trend of Varsity athletics, and the competitors who were responsible for much of this satisfactory state of affairs were T. W. Cheong, who captured Individual championship honours with 20 points, and E. Wong Tape, who was runner-up with five points less.

Lady Clementi was present, being escorted by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Chancellor, and there was, of course, the usual large crowd of vociferous students, who cheered for one and all.

The programme was a gruelling test in its variety, but T. W. Cheong collected a sufficient aggregate of points to repeat his success of last year. He managed not only to shatter his own record of last year of 9 feet 7 inches for the Pole Jump, by clearing the bar an inch higher, but followed up this success by smashing S. O. Shahabudin's 1926 record of 17 seconds for the 120 yards dash, in a fraction less of this time.

Spraining his ankle in the 100 yards dash, H. Braga, who was runner-up last year, was incapacitated for the other events, and reluctantly he had to give place to E. Wong Tape, who gave the Champion a close race. Wong Tape won the 440 yards and incidentally made the third record with his win, by lowering Braga's 1927 record of 54.4/5 seconds. He also equalled Shahabudin's 1926 record of 10.2/5 seconds for the 100 yards sprint. The spectators were moved by these various feats to show their satisfaction in demonstrative fashion.

Other features were Morrison Hall's win over Eliot Hall in the Inter-Hostel Championship, while the lady undergraduates also figured conspicuously in the 100 yards race, organized specially for them.

At the close of the meeting, Lady Clementi distributed the prizes, after which Dr. Osman, President of the Hongkong University Athletic Association, gave a lengthy address.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following who have generously contributed to the Prize Fund or donated prizes:

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mrs. Ng Wah, Mr. Chau Yue-ting, Mr. Lee Hy-san, Mr. Lee Shiu-kai, Mr. Lee Shiu-kee, Mr. Richard Hancock, Mr. Lee Iu-cheung, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. J. H. Seth, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. F. H. Barnes, Mr. W. L. Patlenden, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Members of University Staff, President, University Union, Messrs. British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Messrs. G. Falconer, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Messrs. Sincere Co., Ltd., Messrs. Wing On Co., Ltd., Messrs. The Sun Co., Ltd.

The Results.

The successful competitors were:

Kicking the Football (decided last Wednesday).—1, G. G. Edwards; 2, P. C. Lim.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, A. T. Lee, Distance 285ft. 7ins.; 2, B. H. Schroter.

100 yards (Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Lee Hy-san).—1, E. Wong Tape. Time 10.2/5 secs. (Tied Record); 2, Ho Sai-cheong.

Pole Jump.—1, T. W. Cheong, Height 9ft. 8ins. (Record); 2, S. C. Chung; 3, B. H. Schroter.

220 yards.—1, E. Wong Tape, Time 25.1/5 secs.; 2, A. T. Lee; 3, Y. F. Chew.

100 yards (Lady Undergraduates' race).—1, Miss Florence Wong, Time 15 secs.; 2 Miss J. Ho Tung.

Half Mile.—1; C. Figueiredo, Time 2.18.2/5 secs.; 2, Ho Sai-cheong; 3, Wong Long-cheong.

120 yards Hurdles.—1, T. W. Cheong, Time 16.3/5 secs. (Record); 2, B. H. Schroter; 3, H. N. Chung.

220 yards Handicap (Past Students' Race).—1, E. Zimmern; 2, W. Youngsaye.

Putting the Shot (16 lbs.).—1, B. H. Schroter, Distance 30ft. 4¼ins.; 2, Tsito Eng-kei.

440 yards.—1, E. Wong Tape, Time 54.1/5 secs. (Record); 2, C. Figueiredo; 3, Wong Long-cheong.

Long Jump.—1, T. W. Cheong, Distance 20ft. 2ins.; 2, A. T. Lee; 3, K. P. Gan.

Half Mile (open to the Colony).—1, Pte. Tiernan, R.A.M.C. Time 2.06.3/5 secs.; 2, Gdsm. Elliot, Scots Guards.

High Jump.—1, T. W. Cheong, Height 5 ft. 5½ ins.; 2, H. N. Chung; 3, P. C. Yue.

One mile.—1, C. Figueiredo; 2, Law Nye-koey; 3, Chew Yeanfook.

Tug-of-War.—Won by Morrison Hall.

Relay Race for teams of four (Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Lee Hy-san).—1, Morrison Hall; 2, May Hall.

Inter-Hostel Championship.—Winners, Morrison Hall, 33 points; Runners-up, Eliot Hall, 26 points. Other Hostels: Lugard Hall, 20 points; May Hall, 17 points; St. John's Hall, 3 points.

Individual Championship.—Winner, T. W. Cheong, 20 points; Runner-up, E. Wong Tape, 15 points.

Tennis Prizes.

The prizes won in the 1927 annual Tennis Tournament of the Hongkong University were also distributed as follows:

Championship Singles: Champion, Mr. Lim Peng-chin; Runner-up, Mr. A. A. Rumjahn.

Championship Doubles: Champions, Messrs. Lim Peng-chin and Hung Huai-chen; Runners-up, Messrs. A. A. Rumjahn and Douglas Laing.

Handicap Singles; Winner, Mr. Lee Hua-kek; Runner-up, Mr. Grenville de Souza.

Handicap Doubles: Winners, Messrs. Lee Hua-kek and Lee Hua-tsai; Runners-up, Messrs. Tan Peng-liat and Gan Kee-fun.

Ladies' Handicap Singles: Winner, Miss Molly Carothers; Runner-up, Miss Hannah Surh.

Mixed Doubles Handicap: Winners, Miss Hannah Surh and Mr. Lim Peng-chin; Runners-up, Miss Grace Ho Tung and Mr. Ho Shai-cheong.

Sir William Brunyate Challenge Cup for the Doubles Championship Won outright by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn and Dr. D. Laing, Champions in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

The annual Varsity dance, which took place in the evening, was a colourful addition to the doings of the day. The Great Hall, where the function was held, was fittingly decorated and illuminated, and it was thronged to its fullest capacity.

QUININE CORNER.

ALLEGED TRUST CONSPIRACY.

New York, Mar. 24.

The Government has begun an inquiry before a Federal Grand Jury into an alleged conspiracy to control the price of quinine in violation of the Anti-Trust Law.

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The Government investigators state that apart from American concerns several foreign firms are involved, including the Kina Bureau, of Java.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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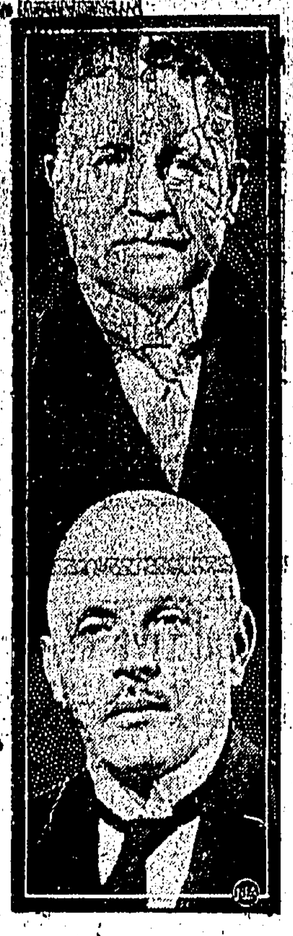
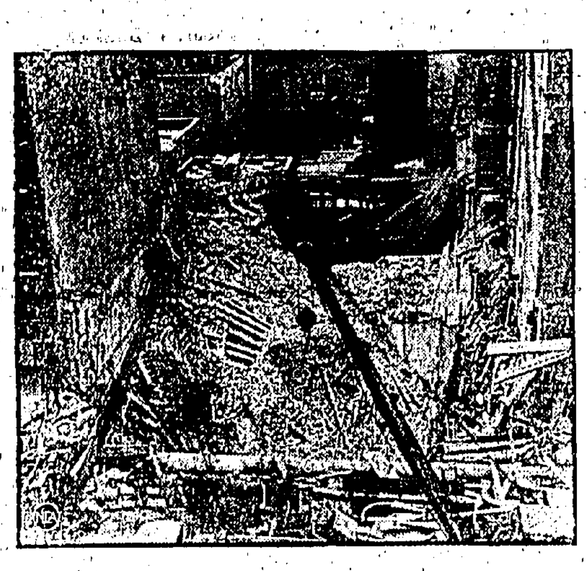


Above, General Groener; below, Otto Gessler, whom General Groener has succeeded as Germany's Minister of Defence.

A parade and manoeuvres of the French garrison troops forming the French Legation Guard at Peking were held recently when the men paraded in full war kit and were inspected by the commanders of other Legation guards. Top picture shows the French troops at the salute being inspected. Lower picture shows the men marching past on the French drill ground.

The two daughters of the Emperor and Empress of Japan. At the top is Princess Sachiko Hi-a-no-miyo, who, it is regretted died shortly after this picture was taken, and below, Princess Shigeko Tero-no-miya, aged three years.



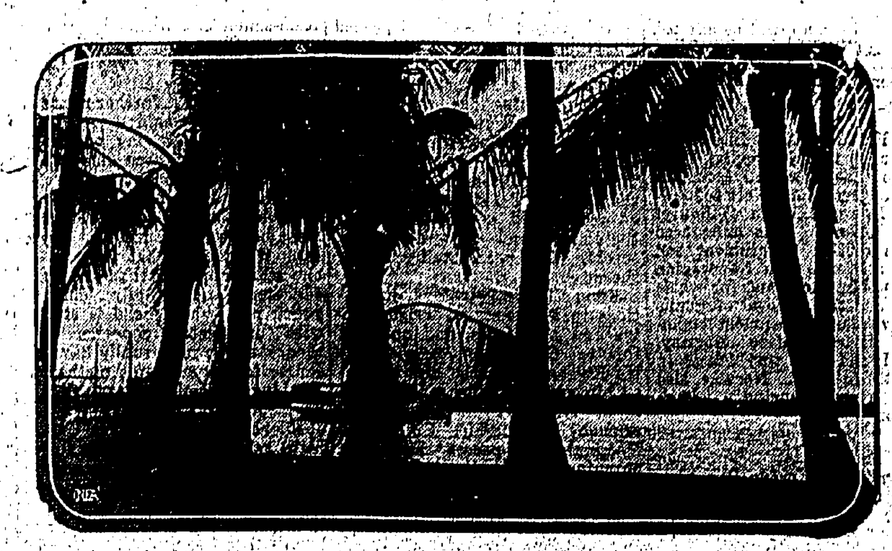
One workman was killed and another severely hurt when two four-storey buildings collapsed in New York recently.

Dogs are being given special footgear for bad weather as seen above. The bright young fox terrier pictured above, is the property of President Coolidge's Secretary.

Close-hidden between two friends, the woman who claims to be the only surviving member of the Tsar's family, was taken on her arrival in New York on board the s.s. Berengaria.

Just returned from his consecration at Rome, the Rt. Rev. Januarius Haynska, Bishop of the Diocese of Nagasaki, Japan, is seen above in his ecclesiastical robes.

Picture take on the occasion of the visit of Mr Frank B. Kellogg to Ottawa. Above, left to right, are Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, Secretary Kellogg and Hon. William Phillips.



A striking picture of a sunset at Lake Worth, Palm Beach.

Captain Hinkler, the famous aviator, who recently completed a wonderful flight from Croydon to Australia. He beat the record to India by four days, made the first non-stop flight to Rome, and reached Australia in 15½ days. His machine was driven by a 30 h.p. motor.

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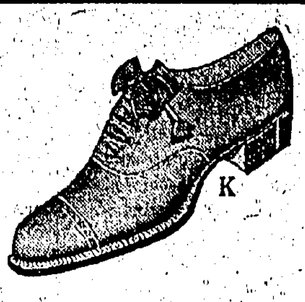

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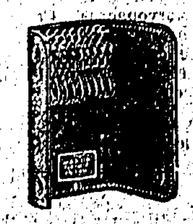

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th April, and on Monday 9th April, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

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Members are reminded that the FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING takes place to-night, at 6.15 p.m., in the Lecture Room, Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

J. O. McLAGGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Mar. 26th, 1928.

CATHOLIC MISSION.

NOTICE.

A Mission will be given in the Catholic Cathedral from THURSDAY, the 29th inst. to WEDNESDAY, the 4th of April. There will be each day a special Sermon preached by the Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., at 6 p.m., followed by Benediction.

All, and especially Catholics, are cordially invited to attend.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of the Articles of Association of this Company, the undermentioned Shares were FORFEITED on the 23rd MARCH, 1928, by reason of the Non-payment of Calls due thereon:—

Certificate No. 602 Shares No. 170651/170690.

For the Hongkong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1928.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd Floor) Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday, the 13th day of April, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the six months ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of two Directors, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1928.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of March, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.

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Contributories who have paid the call made on the 5th day of October, 1928, in full, are requested to present their Share Certificates to the undersigned for endorsement.

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c/o. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1928.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 22nd. day of March, to Thursday, the 29th. day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1928.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, the 30th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, will be held on WEDNESDAY the 11TH day of APRIL, 1928, at the Board Room of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Hongkong at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial Year ended 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of three Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th April to the 11th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1928.

By order of the Board.
J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.

14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

Draft programmes and entry forms of the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday 15th April, 1928. (WEATHER PERMITTING, can be obtained upon application to The International Roxor Advertising Co., 3rd Floor, Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hongkong. Jockey Club, Causeway Bay Stables, and Roxor Advertising Co. 3rd Floor Exchange Building, Hongkong.

Entries will close on Tuesday, 3rd April, 1928 at 1 p.m.

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First Race 3 p.m.

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The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th of March, to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Consignees per Company's Steamer, "EURYLOCHUS" From UNITED KINGDOM and CONTINENTAL PORTS via STRAITS,

are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 26th March.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 16th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1928.

Oslo, Feb. 19.—According to the "Aftenpost," the Norwegian Foreign Office has received from the British Government a Note acknowledging Noway's claim to Bouvet Island. When it was announced that the British Government had granted a licence to a Nowwegian firm to occupy the island for whale hunting and the removal of guano the Norwegian Government claimed that it belonged to Norway. Bouvet Island is a tiny island in the South Atlantic. Norway also claims a neighbouring island, Thompson.

Uniformity of production to a definite marketing policy is considered by the party of Canadian farmers to be the most important lesson they have learned on their visit.

WAH YAN COLLEGE PRIZE DAY.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The annual report in connexion with the Wah Yan College was submitted by the Headmaster, Mr. Lim Hoy-lam, at a large gathering of the pupils and their parents and relatives in the Queen's Theatre this morning.

Lady Chow, wife of Sir Shouson Chow, gave away the prizes to the successful scholars, and there were also present Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, who presided over the proceedings, Mr. Lee Lo-hsen, a noted Chinese scholar, Mr. Chow Cheng-lam, Headmaster of the Branch School, and others.

Annual Report.

In his annual report, the Headmaster said the highest number on the roll during the year was 671, and the average attendance 630. The total number of meetings was 370, ten less than that of the previous year. The decrease was due to the longer summer vacation. A large number of boys applied for admission at the re-opening of the College after the New Year vacation, but more than 400 had to be refused for various reasons, the chief being lack of accommodation.

In both July and December the College was medically inspected by Dr. Minett. In November, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, visited the College for the purpose of making his annual report. He made a round of all the classes and witnessed a class of boys at drill. He was much impressed by the boys' excellent physique and smart appearance, and he said that he had seldom seen Chinese boys with such fine chests. Before leaving, he complimented Mr. A. J. Mauricio, Physical Instructor, on his good work, and gave the College a half-holiday. Mr. Ralphs in his annual report said that the building and equipment were good, the staff was adequate, and the discipline excellent. He also stated that the written work throughout was exceptionally good, that the physical exercises deserved special mention, and that each year saw a steady and marked improvement in the college. Dr. Minett in her half-yearly report said that the premises were in good order and that the improvement made had given more room and produced better conditions. She also said that the dormitories in our newly-opened Boarding Department were good, light, and airy.

Boarding Department.

During the summer vacation plans were made for adding a boarding department to the college. Room was provided for only fifty boarders, and it was filled on the first day after the re-opening. Many who applied late were disappointed. At the end of the year it was enlarged, and was again filled on the first day of the new school year. At present there were more than ten on the waiting list. Mr. Wong Tuen Po, one of the masters, is in charge.

The branch school at Yaumati had 270 on roll during the year. The staff consisted of nine teachers. They occupied six very unschool-like flats at Portland Street, one of the noisiest quarters of Yaumati, and the teachers' voice was often drowned by the noises caused by blacksmiths, tinsmiths, and other kindred tradesmen.

In the second half of the year they bought a piece of land at Nelson Street and erected a new school-building on it. It was completed at the beginning of this year, and they moved in after the Chinese New Year Vacation. Mr. Chow Chen Lam, B.A., is the Headmaster.

Examination Results.

All the students of Class 1 entered for the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations. Twenty-six were presented for the Matriculation and 11 for the Senior Local; of these 13 passed the Matriculation (one with Honours) and 13 passed the Senior Local, with 14 distinctions. They obtained distinctions in English, Mathematics, Higher Mathematics, Trigonometry, Mechanics, Biblical Knowledge, and Book-keeping. The number of passes as well as the number of distinctions obtained constituted a new record for the college, and showed that the teaching had been intelligent and thorough.

Kong Man-in, obtained distinctions in Mathematics, Trigonometry and Mechanics, and qualified for the Government Scholarship. Ng Kwong-yuen, who distinguished himself in English and Higher Mathematics, was awarded a Government Scholarship. Six of the Matriculation passes are now pursuing their studies in the local University, and four have joined the College teaching staff.

There were 61 presented candidates for the Junior Local Examination, and of these 25 passed with 17 distinctions. Wong Kam-shuen established a new record for Class 2 by obtaining four distinctions.

College Aims.

In the course of further remarks, the Headmaster said:—

"We aim at giving our boys an education in three dimensions, by which we do not mean that education is long, broad and deep, but that, to be complete, it must be moral, mental and physical. We believe that there is no one more hopeless than the half-educated and wholly immoral young man whose head is stuffed with undigested conceits. Although we do not usually have recourse to the sermonic method of teaching the elementary virtues of truthfulness, honesty, and obedience, yet we believe that a little religious instruction at regular intervals is conducive to much good. In this connexion I should like to express our gratitude to Rev. Father Banchio and Rev. Father Heary, S.J., for initiating so many of our boys into the mysteries of the Catholic religion. It must be a great consolation to them to know that their instruction has produced very good results.

The Headmaster concluded by expressing to the staff his deep appreciation of their loyal support and constant devotion to duty; Mr. Ralphs, for having kindly consented to preside; and Lady Chow Shou-son, for giving the prizes away; and Messrs. Li Ping and the Sincere Company for donating prizes.

Prizes Distributed.

Lady Chow then distributed the prizes, and was presented by little Jack Wong with a bouquet.

The Chairman then made a short speech, in which he dwelt on the progress achieved by the College. He congratulated the Headmaster and staff on the fine results shown.

The proceedings were brought to a close with a fine gymnastic display conducted by the pupils, under the direction of Mr. A. J. Mauricio, and the screening of a short picture.

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Rome, Mar. 18.

Governor Alfred Smith's campaign for the Presidency of the United States does not interest the Vatican, Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, told newspaper men here to-night, on the eve of his departure for home.

The cardinal said that even if a Catholic were elected the Vatican knows "it would not change things one particle.

"The Catholic church in America contends with no oppressive legislation and has no political axe to grind."

While here, Cardinal Mundelein was accorded the honour of a visit with the Pope.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

DANGERS OF NEWLY DYED SHOES.

FOOT POISONING.

In 1900 the first reports appeared of cases in which persons suddenly became ill following the wearing of shoes that had been recently dyed.

In 1919 an army surgeon reported seventeen cases, and more recently the records of forty-eight cases were found in medical literature. In the twenty-five American cases, nitrobenzene was the ingredient of the shoe dye that caused the poisoning, and in most of the cases occurring in Europe, aniline dyes were responsible.

When a person puts on a pair of shoes that have been recently dyed with a substance containing a considerable amount of nitrobenzene or aniline, he is likely to develop weakness, dizziness, sleepiness, headache, nausea and vomiting, and begin to turn blue. When the blood is examined, it is found to be dark brown in colour, and indeed sometimes almost black.

Several cases recently have been reported in which children have been severely affected as a result of wearing shoes newly dyed.

An investigation just completed indicates that the nitrobenzine acts directly upon the blood in such a manner that the latter is no longer able to take up oxygen; the hemoglobin of the blood, the substance that is responsible for taking up oxygen, is modified into another substance which has not that power.

A significant observation is that nitrobenzene will produce this effect in dogs, cats, rats and human beings, but will not have the same effect on guinea-pigs or rabbits.

In several cities there are laws which prevent bootblacks or shoe stores from returning recently dyed shoes to the person who is to wear them. The shoes must be kept for twenty-four hours in the open air before they are returned to the person who left them to be dyed.

Any substance that contains large amounts of aniline or nitrobenzene can, of course, produce similar symptoms. Most hair dyes and cosmetics have been freed of these substances. In one instance a child became severely affected after wearing diapers that had been recently marked with laundry ink that was full of nitrobenzene.

LON CHANEY.

AN AMAZING NEW DRAMA COMING.

Lon Chaney, the leading player in "The Unknown," the amazing drama, which is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, is the greatest master of disguise in the movies to-day. In "The Unknown" he has an astonishing role—that of an armless sideshow freak, who under the cloak of his occupation in the circus, is really the brains of a gang of criminals. Lon Chaney in the course of the film, eats, drinks, smokes, throws knives with his feet and performs many other strange tricks. Norman Kerry, who appeared in, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "The Phantom of the Opera," is once more given the romantic lead in "The Unknown," in which he plays opposite Joan Crawford, the heroine. Tod Browning is responsible for the skilful direction which succeeds in holding the attention right through to the thrilling climax.

An added attraction will be the appearance, at all four shows, of Miss Chee Toy, the talented Chinese singer, who will be remembered for her pleasing vocal items rendered at the Queen's Theatre a short while ago. Miss Chee Toy will submit several popular new numbers, which will lend variety to the programme.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

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SOME DOMESTIC MISHAPS.

There are many little mishaps which cause much worry to a housewife but which can very easily be put right if she knows what to do.

Scratched Silver.

No matter how badly silver and plated articles may be scratched, it is possible to remove the marks with a paste formed of olive oil and putty powder. The paste should be rubbed gently over the marks, and they will then speedily disappear.

Scratches on Marble.

Scratches on marble can be removed by rubbing with a little vinegar, taking care to wash with plain water as soon as the mark has vanished. This treatment will affect the polish to a certain extent, but good furniture cream well rubbed in will restore the surface.

Glasses and Mirrors.

All kinds of scratches on glass and mirrors should be treated with jewellers' rouge. This should be rubbed on rather vigorously, great care being taken to follow the way of the scratch. Some patience is required in the case of a deep scratch, but soon or later the mark disappears.

Burnt Plates.

Burnt marks on plates can be treated successfully with a cork and a little damp salt. Rust spots on metal may be removed if they are rubbed with a cork that has been dipped in paraffin. A cork moistened with paraffin is also splendid for removing marks from hearth tiles.

Heat Marks on Polished Wood.

White marks on a polished surface, caused by hot dishes, can be removed by applying a little olive oil and salt over the stains. This should be left for some time, then wiped away and polished. The marks will then have disappeared.

To Cleanse a Sponge.

To clean a sponge the best way is to squeeze the juice of a lemon into it and leave twenty-four hours. Then rinse in several waters.

Fur in Kettles.

Boil vinegar in the kettle which has "Furred" and the fur will entirely disappear.

Brims Widen.

The wide-brimmed hat is extremely smart. This one, of red ballibuntl, has a flat feather circle of red and black on the brim.

Dancing Girls I Like.

[By A Man.]

A man who dances much comes to divide his partners—consciously or unconsciously—into two categories: the pretty ones who can't dance and the plain ones who can. Of the two, I prefer the latter.

It is queer, but any number of pretty girls seem to be quite content to let their good looks make up for their bad dancing. And, it is not the bad dancing of inexperience or want of practice. I can only explain it by the single word—disdain. They don't worry to dance well so long as they are conscious of looking well.

I am not condemning all pretty girls—I have had too many whose dancing was wonderful. But I have been disappointed in so many beauties who proved heavy, or slow, or stiff, or abstracted, or insensitive to the dance rhythm.

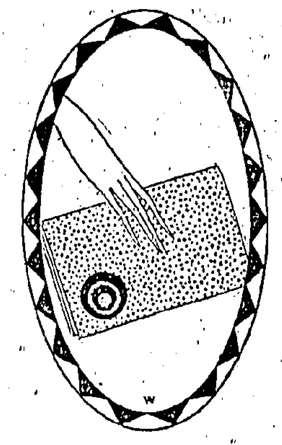
Here are some girls I hate dancing with: the girl who is lazy and just slumps on one; the girl who talks as if she were a blase expert, but whose dancing is like a man's first game of golf; a girl who clings on with closed eyes, which makes one feel a fool; the girl whose feet one treads on because she will look about to see who is watching her; the girl who wants to chatter and expects a bright, continuous response; the girl who has just learnt a new step and wants to teach it to one in the middle of a crush.

A girl worth dancing with takes care of her figure and muscles and dresses herself as appropriately for dancing as she would for some favourite sport, and she is keen.

My ideal partner would be just short of my shoulder, slim, fit, lithe, quick, deftfooted; calm, but amused and amusing; given to expressing much in monosyllables; perfectly groomed; interested, but mainly in me, and able to conduct an intelligent conversation laconically and without emerging, as it were, from the pool of music in which both of us are immersed.

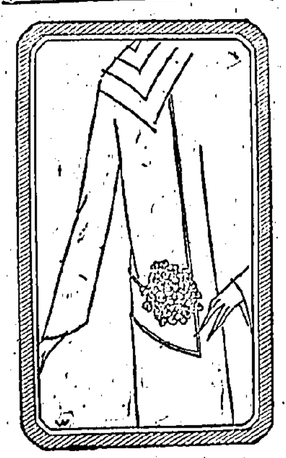
Goods looks? A girl like that could not be bad looking.

Trout Calf.



A distinctive envelope bag for spring of the new trout calf, in honey beige, has an unusual inset of red in the left corner.

Pocket Violets



A large bunch of violets is worn in one of the double pockets of this mauve tweed coat.

"Elegance."

AN ELUSIVE QUALITY.

"*L'elegance*, says a French contemporary, "is not achieved merely by having a beautiful dress." There is no word to translate that French word, *elegance*. It means so much more than being well dressed, fashionably dressed, or being *chic*. It is not expressed in style either, or looking well-bred. Neither is it quite the same thing as having charm, though charm is mixed with it. A woman appreciates it more than a man because it is purely artificial.

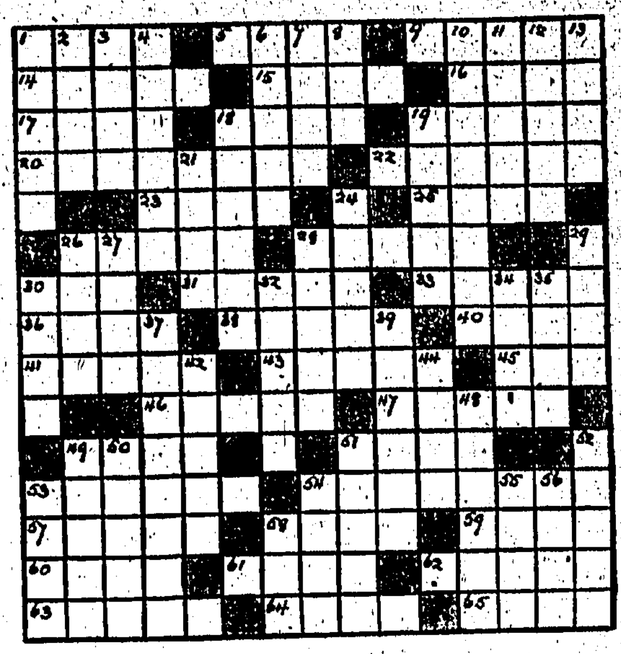
It must have been born in the Eighteenth Century, and at Versailles. Some women have it to-day, and they are beloved of the dressmakers. For them they will design dresses specially, and fashion writers will describe what they wear. They make fashions the rage. It is they who finally say which of the new styles that are shown in October shall be worn in the winter and coming spring. Who are they? Ah! That is hard to say. They have no name but "They."

A midinette has *chic*, and, as history says, she wears a flower in her hair and a pin on her sleeve, and every man who passes her turns round to admire her. Many women look fashionably dressed and some look distinguished in clothes that are not fashionable. Others can spend a fortune on dress and never look *chic*, distinguished, or fashionable. Everything lies in the way clothes are worn and in the close attention to details—the little nothings.

Attention to Details.

Here, again, a man is less difficult to please than a woman, who takes dress seriously. He does not know if the handbag is right, if the stocking and shoes are correctly chosen, if the quality of the material with which the *ensemble* is made be good or poor. But a woman does. She is quick to discover a weak spot, and quicker still to point it out to someone. Only when she sees every detail in an *ensemble* perfect will she admit that another woman is well dressed. She falls herself as frequently as any of her friends, but she is merciless in her judgment. She knows that only a rich woman can hope to be well dressed from the rue de la Paix point of view, but she claims that dress is now so much a matter of education that a poor woman can, if she uses her intelligence, dress to look *chic*, distinguished, or fashionable.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



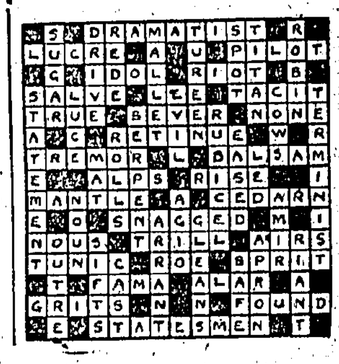
Across.

1 In a low place.
5 British food fish.
9 Star like flower.
14 Satisfied.
15 Support.
16 Musical sound.
17 Animal of dolphin family frequenting the Amazon.
18 Mix.
19 Newly married woman.
20 Stated.
22 Tormented.
23 Allowance for waste.
25 Old.
26 Titter.
28 An impulse.
30 By way of.
31 Venomous snake.
33 Long cut.
36 Hindmost.
38 Spanish title.
40 Sea-eagle.
41 Church table.
43 Savoury dish.
45 Make into white leather.
46 Cudgel.
47 Grasp.
49 Short tail.
51 Fish of the herring family.
53 Small note in writing.
54 Woody climbing plant.
57 Mountain nymph.
58 Performs.
59 Multitude.
60 Tidy.
61 Mineral vein.
62 Holy book.
63 Compound of fatty acids.
64 Gardening tool.
65 Queues.

Down.

1 On one side.
2 Passage.
3 Relating to the ear.
4 Abundance.
6 Mark in writing.
7 In bed.
8 Moisture deposited at night.
10 Rove.
11 Old French measure containing six French feet.
12 Finished.
13 Pastoral pipe.
18 Rears.
19 Edible leguminous seeds.
21 Space.
24 Strip of leather.
26 Small British duck.
27 Formerly.
28 Faculty.
29 Masticate.
30 Interweave.
32 Capital punishment.
34 Knacks.
35 Bite suddenly.
37 Set down in a table.
39 Wealth.
42 Reproved.
44 Shell fish.
48 Pertaining to Adam.
49 Fathers.
50 Iron worn on a shoe.
51 Smooth.
52 Donkeys.
53 Part of a skeleton.
54 Musical term at close of composition.
55 Set apart.
56 Land surrounded by water.
58 Common British beetle.

Saturday's Solution.



HONGKONG TRADE.

CONDITIONS STILL QUIET.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Piecegoods.—The market is very quiet, but small lots of Brocades, Shadow Stripe Poplins, and Spring Fancies have been booked for May shipment. The latest quotations are those of the 21st inst. Sakel. 20. 60d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 11. 10d. Another report states:—"There is some business doing in Cotton Lastings, Poplins and Limbrics for early shipment. Buying has not commenced for Brocades, Limbrics, Poplins and other Spring cargo, although advices from home indicate that prices are firmer with a tendency to go higher. If the dealers do not make a move very shortly, it looks as if they will be left behind. Large purchases in all kinds of Spring Fancies are reported from Shanghai and prices are hardening as a result."

Cotton Yarn.—During the interval, local rates have improved further in sympathy with the rise in the price of Shanghai Yarn, but no business has been reported. Nominal quotations are as follows: No. 10s. $170/185. No. 12s. $175/185. No. 16s. $185/190. No. 20s. $195/200. Arrivals 300 bales. Shipments Nil. Sales Nil. Unsold stock 3,800 bales. Bargains 3,200 bales.

Woollens.—The market is very quiet and prices are easier because it is near the end of the season. A few small orders for Meltons and Tweeds have been settled, but buying is practically at an end.

Raw Cotton.—Nothing doing.

Metals.—Very little business.

Flour Market.—Stock: American, 450,000 bags; Canadian, 120,000 bags; Australian, 40,000 bags. Market: Firm. Quotations:—American Patent, $4.30-4.35; American Straight, $3.15-3.40; American Cut off, $4.30-3.80; Australian No. 1, $3.30-3.65; Canadian Cut off, $3.10-3.20; Canadian Straight, $3.05-3.15; Canadian Mixture, $3.95; Canadian 2nd Clear, $2.90.

Sugar Market steady.

Saltpetre.—Stock 14,000 bags. Dull market since last report.

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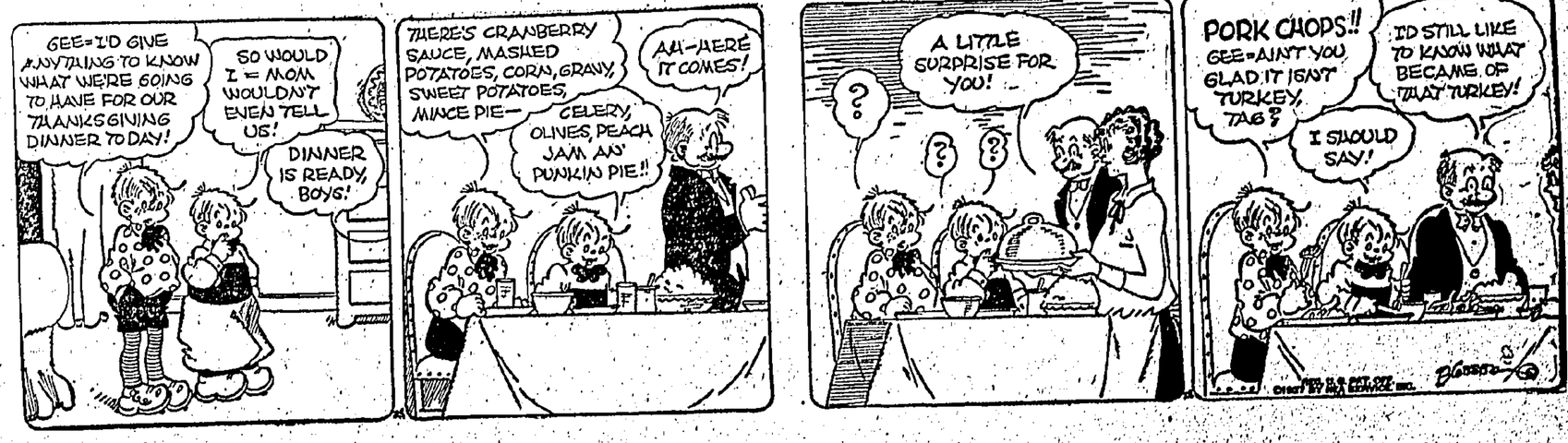

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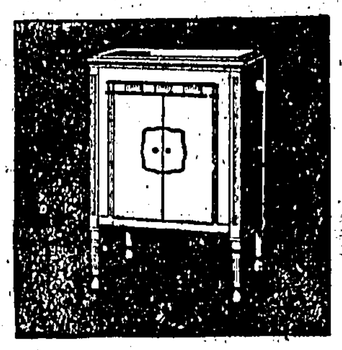

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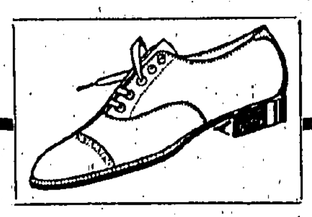

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BIRTH.

GREENWAY.—On March 25, at The Peak Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Greenway, a son.

DEATHS.

SANTOS.—Anna Francisca Santos, (Chica) yesterday, at 5 p.m., at her residence No. 2, St. Joseph's Mansion, Robinson Road. Funeral will pass the monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day. (Saigon and Shanghai papers please copy).

McEWEN.—Suddenly, on March 25th, at No. 109, Strathmartine Road, Dundee, Scotland, Robert Gardiner McEwen, Late Senior Inspector, Sanitary Dept., Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1928.

THE COST OF PROGRESS

Every now and again, especially after an aviation fatality, the question is raised whether the attempts made to break aerial speed records are really worth while. That, of course, is only natural. We all get our sense of reasoning warped a little when we read that more lives have been lost in these high-speed efforts; our feelings of sorrow for the bereaved and our regrets that young and daring officers have sacrified their lives are apt to cause us to forget the real value of these admittedly dangerous exploits. The British Air Minister has just been addressing himself to this theme, and we think there will, on contemplation, be general agreement with his contention that, regrettable as the losses are, they are justified by the definite advance in aeroplane design and engine improvement resulting from high-speed flying.

To get a correct appreciation of the situation, we have only to take our minds back to the time loud public outcries against the invention of steam-propelled vehicles, on the ground that terrible disasters would result if locomotives, even on fixed rails, were permitted to dash up and down the country at speeds which nowadays would be regarded as literal crawling. Thanks, however, to long years of experimenting, long-distance non-stop runs at speeds well over a mile a minute are now common in most countries of the world, with a surprising immunity from serious mishap. There was again much shaking of heads when the motor-car first made its appearance, but, so wonderful have been the developments of recent years, that it has now been possible for a British motorist to achieve a speed of well over two hundred miles an hour. So when we come to aviation it is obvious that it would be foolish to attempt to place a ban on these record-breaking attempts. As Sir Samuel Hoare so well expressed it, these exploits are not a mere matter of the pursuit of speed or of breaking world records just for the sake of doing so. They are essential steps in the progress of aviation. We may, and do, feel the deepest sympathy for those who are called upon now and then to suffer bereavement, but our sorrow is tempered by admiration of these gallant pioneers in the realm of flying, whose efforts, viewed in the proper light, are surely not in vain.

Some little time ago, another aspect of this question was raised at Home, following the recurring loss of life resulting from the training of military aviation pilots. In a book entitled "The Great Delusion," the author devoted a chapter to attempting to prove that the operations of aircraft in war are not, and cannot be, worth their cost in lives and treasure. He maintained that reconnaissance by aeroplane is unreliable, that aerial conflict cannot affect the ultimate result of a war, and that all bombing must be inaccurate and therefore indiscriminate. One of the arguments used by this writer was that there is only one spot in the whole circumambient ether from which a dropped bomb will strike the target, and the pilot does not know where that spot is, nor has he any means of finding it. Moreover, if he flies low, he is shot to pieces. We mention these submissions, not because we regard them as the last word on the issue, for it is quite conceivable that the writer has omitted essential facts in his keenness to make out a case. Whatever the truth be in regard to military aviation, there can be no questioning the value of civil flying, and it is because rapid progress is being made in machine-design and engine improvement as a direct outcome of high-speed efforts that we can look rather more to this factor than to the regretted loss of life involved. We are learning by experience, costly though it may be, and the benefits will be felt in days to come by millions of people to whom the names of these departed pioneers will always be a treasured memory.

A Health Board?

Many months after the last of a series of agitations in Hongkong for a Health Board, which, it was suggested, should control all matters relative to the medical and sanitary services of the Colony, the Government is now apparently prepared to make the first move towards bringing into being this most desirable state of affairs. Officially it may not be described as a Health Board, but strictly, we hope, it will amount to this. At the moment, details of the scheme for the reorganisation of these two important departments are not available, but that definite steps have been taken appears to be indicated in the announcement that a new Bill will shortly be introduced to the Legislative Council providing for a change in the name and style of the office now known as that of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, who will be given the new title of Director of Medical and Sanitary Services. In the past there has been justified complaint that the fact of two distinct departments working in water-tight compartments, overlapping in some directions and failing to meet at other important points, has been detrimental to the proper development of health measures. The necessity for co-operation has at last been admitted by the Government, and we trust that the reorganisation will be facilitated to the utmost. We cannot forecast the Government's intentions regarding the public character of the Sanitary Board, but presume that under the new control there will be an extension of the field of its influence to embrace, at least, the most important features of the scheme advocated by sponsors of the suggested Health Board. The merit of the proposals will be questionable unless it is so designed, and we cannot imagine the Government will overlook public opinion in this respect. Incidentally, by the nature of his new post, the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services should be delegated a seat on the Legislative Council.

DAY BY DAY.

POLITICS ARE NOT SOMETHING OUTSIDE OUR LIVES WHICH CAN BE "TAKEN UP" LIKE A COURSE OF GYMNASTICS. POLITICS ARE THE LIFE HISTORY OF THE NATION, AND THE INTIMIATE CONCERN OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL.—*Georgiana Hill.*

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The P. and O. s.s. Morea, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Thursday.

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The health return for the week-end shows two cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

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Mrs. Lee Hysan is to distribute the prizes at the annual sports of Queen's College at Causeway Bay on Saturday next.

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Lieut. and Mrs. R. A. Peyton were among the passengers who sailed for Home on the s.s. Kashima Maru on Saturday.

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Mr. R. M. de Sala, of the Steamboat Company, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from a heart attack.

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Mr. B. Proulx, of the Dollar Line staff, reports that sometime between midnight and 6 o'clock this morning, his car, No. 2,131, was stolen from Kennedy Road.

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Marios Pinet, 37, a commercial agent, living at 13, Robinson Road, was found yesterday morning, lying unconscious in his bathroom. He was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital.

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Suspected as being concerned in the highway robbery committed by three men in Canton Road on Saturday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with complicity in the robbery. The three men are alleged to have held up a man in Canton Road and robbed him of $229.75.

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Mrs. F. J. Jenner, of Kowloon Docks, departed by the Karmala on Saturday. Mrs. Jenner is popular as an elocutionist and rendered valuable assistance in arranging concerts for the troops under Y.M.C.A. auspices. Other passengers included Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. MacKichan and Miss S. M. L. MacKichan.

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A burglary is reported to the police by inmates of No 4A, Prince's Terrace, Caine Road. A thief entered the premises and stole property valued at $240, including $30 in money. When the man was decamping by clambering down a rope, an amah was awakened and raised the alarm, but the thief got away. The affair occurred early yesterday morning.

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The Chinese arrested in connexion with the armed robbery committed on board a sampan in the Yaumati typhoon shelter, on Saturday, was formally charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries. The defendant was rescued from the water after attempting to escape.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 11 arrivals and 13 departures, of which three and four respectively were British. Tonnage was low and freights also showed a reduction. The highest inward registries were Chinese, while the best throughs were Japanese and British. The total of British cargo under both headings was approximately 12,000 tons.

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At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., 10 masters and mistresses of cargo boats were charged with mooring their craft inshore during dark hours, and, pleading guilty, were each fined $10. The mistress of a cargo boat, charged with carrying passengers in contravention of the terms of her licence, pleaded guilty and was fined $6.

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Nineteen persons were arrested yesterday following a police raid on No. 199, Praya East. They appeared this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, charged with playing *pai kau*. Two other persons were charged with keeping a gambling house. His Worship imposed fines of $3 each on those who pleaded guilty to gambling, whilst for keeping the gambling house, one man was fined $50 and another $20.

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One of the oldest members of the foreign community of Singapore, has passed away in the person of Mr. Samuel Stubbs, at the age of 83 years. He came to Singapore when the colony was in its infancy, and with a Cantonese, the late Ah Chong, carried on business as a shipwright at Tanjong Rhu, now owned by the United Engineers, and for several years afterwards was engaged in different business until about ten years—when he met with an unfortunate accident in his house in Wilkie Road, which necessitated an amputation of his leg.

DEATH OF MR. R. G. McEWEN.

FORMER CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR HERE.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death, which took place yesterday at Dundee, Scotland, of Mr. R. G. McEwen, who for many years was Senior Sanitary Inspector in Hongkong.

The news of Mr. McEwen's demise was received this morning by cable by his son, Sergeant McEwen of the Hongkong Police Force, who only returned from Home leave two weeks ago and who left his father in his usual good health. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow, sons and daughter, and also for Inspector J. Reid, of the Sanitary Department, who is a nephew, and for Inspector and Mrs. J. S. Dick, niece and nephew.

The late Chief Inspector McEwen, who was 58 years of age and who retired in August, 1924, after 34 years' service with the Hongkong Government, was an extremely well-known and popular Government servant. Prior to coming to Hongkong in 1890, when he joined the Hongkong Police Force as a constable, the late Mr. McEwen was a member of the Dundee City Police. In 1895, he became acting Sanitary Inspector, and Assistant Inspector of Markets, and from March, 1896, until May, 1901, he was seconded for duty as Inspector in charge of the Naval Yard Police. Subsequently he returned to the Sanitary Department as Third-Class Inspector. In 1902, he became Inspector of Markets and in the following year acting Plague Inspector. He was appointed First Class Sanitary Inspector in 1905 and Plague Inspector in 1907. He held the position of Chief Inspector from 1923 until his retirement.

During his residence in the Colony, Inspector McEwen was prominently indentified with the St. Andrew's Society and was always to be seen at the annual ball and at the "Heather Day" celebrations in Highland costume. He was a fine player of the "pipes."

To mark Mr. McEwen's resignation, an extremely interesting photographic group was taken at the time comprising Hongkong's three oldest civil servants, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. James Kerr, A.S.P., and Inspector McEwen. They aggregated 102 years in the service of the Colony, each having spent 34 years here. Sir Henry Gompertz is now Chief Justice of the F.M.S. and Mr. Kerr is in retirement in Australia.

A very wide circle of old friends in Hongkong will learn of Mr. McEwen's demise with sincere regret.

CYCLE THEFT SEQUEL.

SENTENCE DOUBLED FOR LYING.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, two Chinese were charged in connexion with the theft of a bicycle. One man pleaded guilty to the charge, but the other, who was charged with receiving stolen property, denied having anything to do with the machine. He admitted, however, that he was paid $3 by the person who stole the cycle.

The bicycle was stolen from the coolie's quarters of the Sanitary Department in Wanchai, on Friday night, and was sold for $8 the next day to a watchman employed by Messrs. Sang Lee.

His Worship indicated that there was no evidence against the man charged with receiving. He passed sentence of fourteen days' hard labour on the first man.

The first defendant was then asked why he paid $3 to the second defendant, and he replied that the second man was present at the robbery.

After warning him that if he wished to give evidence against the second defendant he could do so from the box without any hope of his sentence being mitigated, the first defendant stated that the second defendant was present when they went to the Sanitary Department on Friday night. Their original intention was to "borrow" the bicycle for a ride and then return it to its proper place later in the night. Instead of that, however, they concealed the bicycle at Wong Nei Chong and sold it the next day. Out of the proceeds the second defendant received $3.

Witness, proceeding, said they originally meant to borrow the machine for a ride, but later he was led to steal the machine by some friends.

His Worship enquired why the second man was paid $3.

Witness replied that he was present at the sale and was present when the bicycle was stolen.

His Worship remarked that since the witness persisted in lying, his sentence would be doubled.

The second defendant was discharged.

The Very Idea!

Old John was describing his wife's funeral to a friend. Every detail of the occasion was related, and at the conclusion John told how "the wee speckled dug" that his wife had loved so much reached the grave and lay down and died.

"Maun," said John, "it was that pathetic seein' the wee thing lyin' there. It cast a gloom over the whole affair."

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A livid face in a darkened place,
And a silence that's grim and intense;
A sudden glare and a subtle air
Of breathless, dramatic suspense.
A little gush—a cry of "Hush!"
From a murmuring, threatening crowd,
And looks of surprise from the hopeless guys
Who *will* read sub-titles aloud.

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A woman stated at Willesden Police Court that her husband was formerly employed by the Port of London Authority, but all employees were ordered to learn to swim.

He was too lazy to do that, so he looked round for a woman with money to keep him, and found one.

He then resigned his post and brought the woman to his home, and the wife had been compelled, she said, for the sake of her own dignity, to turn out. She wished to know whether she could take her little daughter with her.

The magistrate told her that she could, if she could obtain possession of the child.

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Wife, at Willesden: My husband never says how much he earns; he is really a most funny man.

Man, at Whitechapel County Court: I had some experience of doctors in foreign ports. I have seen doctors come aboard a ship in South America who run errands in their spare time.

A seaman who was absent for four days from his ship at Antwerp pleaded at Whitechapel County Court that it took him four days to find the docks.

Judge Cluer, at Whitechapel County Court: All the doctors may gather round and certify me as an imbecile or exceedingly cantankerous, but it does not prove anything.

Willesden magistrate, to a wife who had forgotten the date of her marriage: I should have thought that would have been impressed indelibly on your memory. A solicitor: Mine was, sir.

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Schoolboy howlers:—

A necromancer is a man who speaks through the back of his neck.

A Conservative is a kind of glass house.

Alma Mater was a battle in the Crimean War.

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"Women are born actresses," said Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court, to a woman who began to weep in the box.

"All you women can turn on floods of tears at a moment's notice," he added. "It does not impress me in the least."

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Jones was a thrifty fellow and a commercial traveller, and when he married he decided that his wife could ask nothing better in the way of a honeymoon trip than to be allowed to accompany him on his long round in a country district. He was feeling very bucked with himself and could not resist telling his wife how well-known he was at all the places where they had to stop.

"And at the Swan, where I always stay when I'm in ——, they not only reserve a place for me, but, knowing how partial I am to honey, they always put a pot of it on my table."

When, however, they took their places in the restaurant no pot of honey was to be seen. The boaster called to the waiter, and demanded irritably: "Where is my honey?"

The waiter seemed to hesitate a moment, and then replied, apologetically: "She left last week sir."

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Stagnation is a curse of the country.—Col. Wedgwood, M.P.

The first shilling I ever earned came from work in the fields.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

I believe that giving the railways power to run on roads will tend to reduce rates.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

All Universities should encourage open-minded study of the fundamental principles of politics.—Sir Michael Sadler.

Gunner Williams, 31st Battery R. A., who died at the Military Hospital on Friday as the result of concussion sustained by a fall at Stonecutters' Island some time ago, was buried with full military honours on Saturday afternoon.

TEA CLIPPER DAYS RECALLED.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN A. JENKYNS.

COMMANDED THERMOPYLAE FOR TWELVE YEARS.

THE LAST VOYAGE.

By the death in Yokohama, at the age of 74 years, of Captain Alexander Jenkyns, another link with the old tea-clipper days is severed, as the deceased was for a period of twelve years master of the famous Thermopylae, the craft which was a contemporary of the equally famous Cutty Sark. Captain Jenkyns passed away on the 14th instant, thus surviving Captain Woodget, one-time commander of the Cutty Sark, by just one week.

The late Captain Jenkyns, who was born at Aberdeen, spent his early seafaring life aboard sailing ships, but later became Marine Superintendent of the Adelaide Steamship Co., in Australia. Later still, he came to the China Coast as master, his last ship being the s.s. Sai On, of the Tung On Company, and he retired some eighteen months ago on pension, taking up his residence in Yokohama. The news of his death will be deeply deplored by all who knew him.

Starting as an apprentice in the famous Samuel Plimsoll, and afterwards in command of that handy little ship the Ethioplon, the late Captain Jenkyns next raced the old Thermopyloe to and from Australia, taking command of her when he was not much over thirty years old. They were great years for him, although they marked the sad decline of sailing ships—fine ships, which had to give way to steam because of the insatiable demands of commerce.

Fine Last Voyage.

One of the finest performances of the Thermopylae was her last voyage under his command, before she passed into the hands of Canadian owners, who bought her for running grain to Siam and rice on the return voyage. At the request of the new owners, Refords of Montreal, Captain Jenkyns took her out to Singapore, in which port he handed her over, bidding farewell to a ship he loved. She was lying in a Netherlands port at the time of her sale, and first she went round to Cardiff. There the Barry dockers loaded coal into her, where once was fragrant tea from China or fleeces from Australia.

Once again she pointed her figure-head on the familiar route to China. She made Singapore in seventy-nine days. It was a brilliant performance at that time of her life with such a cargo. After passing Anjer she met very foul weather, but her skipper cracked on and she flew through the Banka Straits in very bad weather, and when nearing Rhio Straits struck a smashing sumatra.

At Dead of Night.

Undismayed, Captain Jenkyns raced the gallant ship through the treacherous straits at dead of night. As he said, when narrating the story of the passage, "She had it behind her and I daren't heave to in such a narrow space. I wouldn't care to go through like that again, though there are more lights there now than in those days."

He just drove her on, sure of his navigation and seamanship. He flashed past a steamer hove to, and in the morning the ship was riding comfortably at rest in Singapore roads.

The shipping world at Singapore could scarcely credit that she had come through in such weather or that she had run out in seventy-nine days, until the log-book was produced as evidence.

With Cutty Sark.

During the time he commanded the Thermopylae, Captain Jenkyns was in company with the Cutty Sark on three occasions. Those were the days when the Cutty Sark was in the hands of her most successful commander, Captain Woodget, whom, unfortunately, Captain Jenkyns has never met.

The Ethioplan is another ship of which he loves to talk, calling her a trim and handy craft. She was not a great flyer, but a fine little ship. "You couldn't make a bad passage in her," he said, "she was so well behaved and comfortable; nothing upset her. She'd be about and braced up on the other tack in seven minutes," he proudly boasted, "I timed her several times." A striking characteristic of Captain Jenkyns is his good nature. In spite of an early life of hard discipline, he is very human, and having spent a rough time as an apprentice himself, saw to it, when in command, that his apprentices had a better one.

A War Incident.

During the days of the Great War when the German cruiser Emden was making the shipmasters in the Eastern seas uncomfortable, Captain Jenkyns was then in command of the s.s. Lacrtes, and one night

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LOCAL COMPANY'S RECORDS.

HONGKONG FIRE CO. REPORTS BIG BALANCE.

A GOLD RESERVE.

Presiding at the fifty-ninth annual general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., this morning, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard appealed to the shareholders to support the Company by means of their own business and by that of others that may be in a position to influence the Company. He reported a record year.

Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce, H. P. White (Directors), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. H. Taggart, Ho Leung, J. P. Sherry, A. H. M. da Silva, R. L. Bridger, D. P. Stevenson, F. M. Ellis, J. H. Seth and W. E. L. Shenton.

A Record Year.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and account having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read.

It is with great pleasure that your General Managers and Consulting Committee are able to present to you such an excellent account as that for the year 1926; the balance of $742,214.12 constitutes a record surpassing the previous best, that for 1922, by approximately $100,000. The premium income was over $120,000 higher than the previous record and the loss ratio well below the average. Expenses, though a little less than for 1925, have grown considerably during the past six years; this, however, is only to be expected in view of the fact that our nett premium has increased by 50% over the same period. For 1920 the ratio of expenses to nett premium was 30.44% as against 38.09% for the year under review.

The balance standing at credit of the Working Account for 1927 is $702,865.11; this also is a record, being an improvement of $32,078.43 on the figure for 1926, after the first twelve months' working. It is early yet to hazard any opinion as to the ultimate result of this account but, granted a moderate share of good fortune, we may reasonably anticipate another profitable year.

Seven-Lakh Surplus.

The surplus now to be dealt with is $742,214.12 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of $43 per share, absorbing $344,000; the appropriation of £25,000= $246,153.83 to the newly-formed Gold Reserve; $100,000 to Silver Reserve and the balance of $52,060.27=£5,287 7. 5. to Reinsurance Fund.

You will notice from the report that the sum of £50,000 has been transferred from Reinsurance Fund to initiate a gold reserve. This was considered advisable because our present day commitments in sterling are large and also because the Reinsurance Fund stood at a figure which was considerably in excess of any probable demands that might be made upon it.

Our reserves are in a healthy condition and the correctness of our policy of steadily increasing them is shown by the fact that we are now able to handle a considerably larger volume of business than was previously the case. During the past ten years, our income, interest from investments and reserves have all increased by over one hundred per cent.

The Future.

I have little to say about the future. Insurance like every other branch of commerce has its ups and downs and competition is very keen; in these days many propositions, which are attractive at first sight, have to be turned down for the reason that rates are cut so fine that they cannot turn out to be profitable. We are constantly looking out for sources of expansion that offer hope of reasonable profit, and while on this subject, I would again ask all shareholders to give the Company their full support, both by means of their own business and by that of others that they may be in a position to influence us.

Owing to the very considerable increase that has taken place during the past few years in the work of auditing the accounts of the Company, it is proposed to raise the auditors' fees from $750.00 to $1,000 for each firm, and you will, I hope, confirm this when the proposal for the re-election of auditors comes before the meeting. You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on

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MOTOR TRAGEDY ON PRAYA.

AMBROSE C.P.O. HELD BY POLICE.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED AND CAR DRIVEN INTO SEA.

SURPRISING ESCAPES.

In consequence of a fatal motor accident on Sunday morning, Chief Petty Officer W. G. Kelsie of the H.M.S. Ambrose is detained by the police with the possibility of a serious charge being preferred against him.

It is stated that Kelsie, who is an unlicensed driver, was at the wheel of public car No. 313 when it ran into a man in Connaught Road Central near the Po Tak Wharf.

In an attempt to avoid the accident, the car was swerved violently towards the Praya wall and continuing its career toppled over the edge.

There were four persons in the car but though three of them were thrown into the water they escaped without severe injury. The man knocked down by the car died subsequently in the Government Civil Hospital, and it is in view of this that the Police are taking a serious view of the affair.

It appears that on the receipt of a telephone message at a livery garage, at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, a car, No. 313, was held in readiness to pick up two blue jackets.

At 2 a.m. the car with the two European occupants, the driver and a foki of the latter, proceeded from Shektongtsui (the restaurant quarter at West Point) to a certain address supposed to be in Belchers Street, Kennedy Town. Here the sailors alighted and went into one of the houses. The driver was not paid off: he was told to return at four o'clock to take the sailors back to Wanchai.

Pedestrian Run Down.

Accordingly, the car made a second trip to Kennedy Town, later returning with the two blue-jackets in the direction of the City.

At a point near the Po Tak Wharf, a Chinese appeared on the roadway from the directions of the waterfront, and was knocked down by the car. An attempt was made to avoid the collision, but after knocking down the man, the car swerved and went over the sea-wall. It dropped on one of a number of sampans then lying tied up to the sea-wall, the head of the car resting on the deck of the sampan while its rear wheels remained resting on the edge of the Praya.

Peculiar Feature.

Three of the occupants of the car were catapulted into the water, whence they were got out with nothing worse than the immersion. They were the driver and the two sailors. They assumed that the fourth man (Chinese foki) who was with them, was less fortunate and had been drowned, but at nine o'clock yesterday morning, when the car was being hauled back on to the roadway, it was discovered that the fourth man was alive. This man, had been seated with one of the sailors in the rear of the car, and when the vehicle went over he was thrown on to the sampan but made off while the rest of the party were being rescued. He appeared on the scene again although he was injured about the legs and head.

The deceased Chinese was a salesman connected with the Kwong Wo Chung fruit stall in Central Market.

"Laugh at everything he says, Julie; his tips are better than his humour."

SEVERE STRAITS SENTENCE.

SEVEN YEARS FOR EIGHT DOLLAR ROBBERY.

JUDGE'S COMMENT.

A 19-year old Chinese youth who was convicted of holding up another Chinese with a knife and robbing him of $8.40 was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment and ten stokes of the "cat" at the Singapore Assizes last week.

Mr. Justice Deane, the presiding judge, criticised the severity of the minimum sentence for this offence. "This man has stolen $8.40 and I cannot sentence him to less than seven years," he said "Such sentences are absurd."

Mr. Whitley:—Your Lordship does not think that robbery with a weapon like that deserves a large sentence?

His Lordship:—I am not in any way saying that it is not a serious offence, but, after all, there is the fact that only $8.40 was stolen.

Mr. Whitley:—With all due respect, my Lord, I submit that $8.40 to a man in the position of the complainant might mean as much as a much larger sum to other people.

His Lordship:—Here is a young boy of nineteen whom I must sentence to seven years. I think it is a great mistake. I have to administer the law as it is, but I think a judge should be given some direction in such a matter. I think if he got a year's imprisonment and a good flogging it would be much better.

Mr. Whitley:—With the utmost respect, my Lord, I think as things are nowadays, the country is flooded with people coming down from China and leading others astray, and I am rather inclined to think that severity is the better method. I admit that it does not seem to have the least deterrent effect.

His Lordship:—That is just it.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 25.

Paris	124
Brussels	35
Amsterdam	12.11¾
Berlin	20.41¾
Copenhagen	18.21¼
Vienna	34.69
Helsingfors	193¾
Lisbon	2.1/16
Bucharest	785½
Buenos Aires	47.15/16
Shanghai	2/6¾
Yokohama	1/11¼
New York	4.83¼
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.32
Stockholm	18.18¼
Oslo	18.28
Prague	164.11/16
Madrid	29.09
Athens	369
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hongkong	2/0⅛
Silver (spot)	36⅝
Silver (forward)	26.3/16

—*British Wireless.*

SWATOW "RED" EXECUTED.

COMMUNIST EVIL NOT YET OVERCOME.

TWO CHAPELS BURNT.

Swatow, Mar. 24.

Yesterday, three more Communists were executed, the authorities taking considerable precautions until the executions had been carried out.

For ten days or so there has been renewed some slight apprehension as to local Communist activity, for the railway line and water supply were again cut for twenty-four hours, and this, with other signs of activity among the Peasant Union bands between here and Chaochowfu, coincided with the drive of the Hai Luk Fung Communists up the coast towards Swatow.

There seems to have been some hitch in the plan to round-up the Hai-Luk Fung forces, for precisely at the point where they converge on Chaoyang, near Swatow, the Government troops are weak.

The result is that in the district from Chaoyang down the coast to Kai-chi and beyond, and inland to the district city of Hui-lai, the Communists are in considerable force.

They are again in power in the ports of Kit-chi, and have succeeded in taking for a day or two the city of Hui-lai. The Government troops have expelled them, but the city is insecurely held, and appeals for help continue to come in.

Assistance is said to have come from Canton in the shape of a few units of the 5th Army, with the promise of more to come. Those who have come have been sent to Chaoyang. If this force is substantial, the original plan of trapping the Communists in the angle of land between Kat-chi, Hui-lai, Chao-yang and the sea may still be carried out.

Meanwhile it seems a quite unnecessary weakness to allow Hui-lai and other places previously taken back from the Communists to be retaken by them, and the misery of the countryside is great.

The Phou-leng Communists have also renewed their activity, and more villages have been burnt by them, including, for a second time, that of Kho-leng.

The Presbyterian Church hears of two more chapels destroyed, that in Lok-hong city, a fairly large building, having been burnt before the troops entered, that in Kat-chi having been destroyed on the recent re-entry of the Communists.

Swatow authorities have been following the example of Canton in closing down Labour Unions; some thirty have been suppressed in the last few days. The more powerful, however, remain.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

TENSE SITUATION AT AMOY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

by the Chinese. The Japanese also stated that the decision of the arbitration must be unanimous in the matter of indemnity.

Seamen's Threat.

In Chinese circles last week, it was reported that as a result of the action of the Japanese another anti-Japanese boycott by Chinese looms in Shanghoi was threatened. This, according to reports, may be coupled with another strike of the Chinese Seamen's Union. The union is reported to have held a general meeting to discuss the matter.

The Japanese Consul-General states that he has protested to Mr. Quo against the detention of the Atsuta Maru, and that the protest has been followed with a communication to Mr. Maze, Customs Commissioner, announcing that the Consulate may exercise its rights to clear the vessel without the authority of the Commissioner of Customs, unless that official gives the desired permission.

Mr. Yada stated that he had not set a time limit but declared that he was entirely within his rights in clearing the vessel, in the event he elects to do so.

RAIN THREATENED.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The depression has deepened and now covers Central and North-East Japan. The anticyclone has strengthened and is central over North China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the South-East Coast of China and over the North China Sea.

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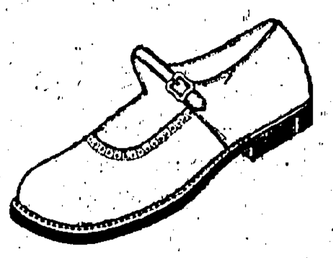

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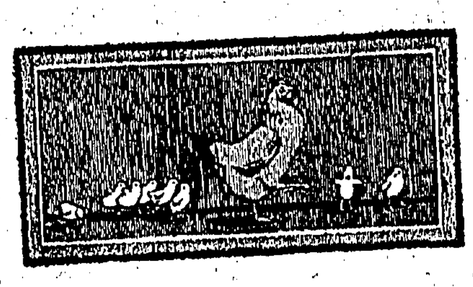

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FANLING HUNT.

GOOD AFTERNOON'S SPORT.

Hounds met on Saturday at Lok Ma Chau cross roads at 3 p.m. The pack had only just left the road opposite Mai Po village when Glory opened on a line and away went the whole pack in full cry over Fox Tree Hill and down into the valley.

Hounds were running very fast and gradually drawing up to their fox when a "chow" coursed him, with the usual result, and hounds threw up.

Mr. Millar cast all round but could make nothing of it until Chantress and Warwick suddenly "marked" in some thick brambles; out came Mr. Fox and he was rolled over by Glory and the whole pack as he jumped the wall of a ruin.

As Mr. Millar was breaking up his fox another broke from the same patch of bramble: there was a scramble for ponies, hounds were laid on as quickly as possible.

The fox got a good start, however, and after a fast spurt across the valley from Fox Tree Hill to Post's Hill he just saved his brush by getting to ground when only about 40 yards in front of hounds who had run with a beautiful cry through the valley.

FINDING WORK.

ACTIVITIES OF INDUSTRIAL TRANSFER BOARD.

London, Mar. 24.

The Industrial Transfer Board which was appointed by the Government some time ago to organise the transfer of unemployed workers from slack areas to districts where industries are developing went to South Wales yesterday and began a close examination of the conditions in the coalfields.—*British Wireless.*

THE WORLD of SPORT

CIVILIANS WIN LAI WAH CUP GAME.

NAVY DO NOT ENJOY BEST OF LUCK.

SCOTS GUARDS DOWNFALL.

[By "Wanderer."]

It could scarcely be claimed for the Civilian team which met the Royal Navy in the Lai Wah Cup on Saturday that they are a particularly strong combination, yet they managed to defeat the sailors by the odd goal of three. The victory must be regarded as a fortunate one, for the Navy were always quite as good as their opponents and sometimes much superior. The game went to extra time and the winning goal was scored when but few seconds remained for play.

The Queen's Regiment did the Borderers a good turn by defeating the Scots Guards in the League by three goals to two. The defeat puts the Guards practically out of the running for second place, a defeat for the K.O.S.B. and a sensational goalscoring feat on their own part being the only means to this end.

The erratic Queen's crashed in two goals in the first half, and the Guards although fighting hard after the interval could never recover the lost ground. This was the only league match played, the R.A. v. Chinese Athletic match being postponed following the death of a member of the Royal Artillery.

Kowloon bent on keeping in trim for the Shield Final entertained a Navy team, drawn chiefly from H.M.S. Cumberland and even without Northey, McKelvie, Hedley, Duncan and Miles, succeeded in winning by three goals to nil.

The results were:

Lai Wah Cup.

Civilians	2	Royal Navy	1

Senior League.

Queen's	3	Scots Guards	2

Friendly.

Kowloon	3	Navy XI.	0

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NAVY DISAPPOINT.

Goal in the Last Minute of Extra Time.

The climax to a hard fought game, a goal by Gosano after roughly 100 minutes play, gave the Civilians a rather fortunate victory over the Royal Navy, who were disappointing. Territorially the Navy had the better of the play, but Firth and Van Tromp were very weak on the right wing, and though the other pair Leonard and Cobb were an astute wing, leading the clever Hedley a lively dance, the Civilian defenders were able to concentrate on the principal source of danger, Northey, and he was given few chances.

Now and again the clever Navy and Kowloon centre-forward would burst through in characteristic style, but more often than not he was unceremoniously bundled off the ball.

It was a terrific shot by Northey which enabled the Navy to equalise after Rocha had put the Civilians ahead from a fine pass by McKelvie. Northey's shot struck the cross-bar and rebounded to Leonard, who netted with ease from short range.

Northey and Leonard combined to give the Civilian defence many anxious moments, but the lack of support from the wing placed the game very much in the hands of the opposition.

Sherry and Bishop gave a capital display, keeping a wary eye on Northey, and kicking cleanly. The half-backs were in great form, but the forwards were decidedly weak. In the absence of Taylor, Pile came in on the right and he was the most dangerous raider, while Howarth rendered him fairly good support.

Gosano showed glimpses of his old form, but generally speaking Farlowe had him pretty effectively "under arrest." Both goals were scored prior to the interval, and there were thrills at both ends in the second half, though the Navy attacks always appeared the more dangerous.

Extra time was played, and just before the end, a corner was well placed from which Gosano placed past Brockman with a delightful shot. Coming at the end of the game when a re-play seemed assured, and which the Navy deserved at the very poorest estimate one could give of their play, it was rather unfortunate.

The Civilian forwards received adequate support from their middle line, but were not very sure in their attacks against a strong defence.

It does, however, seem remarkable that the Civilians of Hongkong should be represented by an eleven including six players from the Hongkong Police F.C., a team which has scored fewer goals than any other side in the League, and which occupies an unenviable position at the foot of the league table.

LOCAL CRICKET.

SCHOOLBOYS TEAM AGAINST K. C. C.

The following have been chosen to play for the Combined Schools XI in a Cricket Match on Thursday at 2. p.m. against a K. C. C. Team on the K. C. C. Ground at King's Park:—

Mr. J. L. Youngsaye (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, W. H. Kwan, R. T. Lee, F. R. Zimmern, G. Lee, (Diocesan Boy's School), W. P. Tsui, A. R. Suffiad, A. K. Esmail, A. M. Rumjahn and A. Hunt, (Queen's College).

The Egyptian Legation in London deny absolutely reports to the effect that sanitary conditions in Egypt are particularly bad at the end of March, that an epidemic of plague rages, and that travellers are vaccinated twice, against typhoid and paratyphoid.

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QUEEN'S DO NOT WAIT.

Guards Struggle Against Three Goal Deficit.

The Queen's played sterling football in the first half of their game with the Scots Guards, but their play afterwards deteriorated considerably, and the Guards came very near to pulling the match out of the fire although they at one time faced a 3–0 score.

In the first half, Richardson scored with a splendid header, and Beatty shot past Jackson from Caldicutt's centre. In the second, Harris added to their lead with a brilliant shot, but with Carswell moving to centre-forward from right-half, the Guards got the measure of their opponents and the Queen's defence underwent a gruelling twenty minutes.

Carswell reduced the lead soon after taking the pivotal position in the forward line. Soon afterwards Farrell handled in checking a movement, and Hurst netted from the consequent penalty award. There was much excitement in the closing stages but the Guards failed in their persistent efforts to equalise.

The Guards disappointed a large crowd of their supporters. Only towards the end did they play really well and then it certainly did appear that they might achieve the apparently impossible. They played strong forceful football, but often threw good chances away by an excess of vigour.

The Queen's were nicely balanced and improved remarkably on recent performances. The wingers were always dangerous, and Beatty proved himself a good leader. Morris was the outstanding half-back while Curtis did well at back.

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Kowloon's Match.

There were notable absentees from the Kowloon side against the Navy XI in a friendly, but the principal object of the game was to test Kernick's ability to fill Northey's place in the Shield side.

The inside-right fully justified confidence, scoring two capital goals, while he wasted no time in making straight for goal when the opportunity occurred. The third goal, scored between Kernick's pair, was netted by Sims, who worked himself cleverly into position and scored with a delightful shot.

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The Senior League table up to date is appended:

First Division.

Chinese Ath.	15	13	2	0	45	8	28
K.O.S.B.	19	9	6	4	32	16	24
R.A.	18	10	2	6	30	21	22
Scots Guards	19	8	6	5	28	18	22
Queens Regt.	18	8	3	7	44	30	19
Kowloon	16	7	3	6	23	25	17
R.A.F.	20	5	6	9	30	28	16
H.K. Club	17	5	3	9	23	38	13
Recrelo	15	5	2	8	24	41	13
South China	18	3	4	11	15	57	10
Police	17	3	3	11	9	29	9

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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Sunderland	v	Everton.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Southampton.
Notts F.	v	Chelsea.
Wolves	v	Oldham.

DIVISION III.

Coventry	v	Millwall.
Charlton	v	Northampton.
Doncaster	v	Bradford.

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LOCAL GOLF.

KOWLOON'S WIN OVER SHEK-O.

Full scores in the match between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Shek O Club, played on the greens of the latter yesterday, are given below. The match resulted in a narrow win for the visitors, who scored 12 points to their opponents' 10¼.

The matches were all very close, especially in the afternoon when several of the games were decided on the last green.

The full results were:

Foursomes.

Kowloon G. C.		Shek O Club.
F. E. Remedios		D. G. Bruce
J. D. Thomson	2	H. R. B. Hancock
A. W. Roberts		C. L. C. Sandes
F. C. Cowherd	2	E. L. Sim
W. Patterson		H. R. Sturt
F. X. Remedios	–	D. H. Blake 2½
S. Gray		H. S. Hills
W. S. Hillier	–	P. S. Cassidy –
J. C. McLaggan		C. H. Dixon
H. W. Pare	2	H. L. Dowbiggin –
S. J. Jourdain		W. E. L. Shenton
E. Cock	–	R. Sutherland 2½
	6	5

Singles.

F. E. Remedios	1	D. G. Bruce	–
J. D. Thomson	1	H. R. B. Hancock	1
A. W. Roberts	1	C. L. C. Sandes	–
F. C. Cowherd	–	E. L. Sim	1
W. Patterson	1	H. R. Sturt	–
F. X. Remedios	–	D. H. Blake	1
S. Gray	–	H. S. Hills	1
W. S. Hillier	1	P. S. Cassidy	–
J. C. McLaggan	1	C. H. Dixon	–
H. W. Pare	1	H. L. Dowbiggin	–
S. J. Jourdain	–	W. E. L. Shenton	–
E. Cock	–	R. Sutherland	1½
			5¼
Afternoon Score	6		5
Morning Score	6		
Total	12		10¼

INTER-VARSITY MATCH.

Cambridge Win Over Oxford.

Teams representative of Oxford and Cambridge met at Fanling yesterday, the latter winning comfortably. The scores were:

Singles.

Oxford.		Cambridge.	
R. H. Hollis	0	T. D. E. Pendered	1
C. H. Beavis	1	E. Davidson	0
E. R. Halifax	½	H. E. Lindsell	½
D. W. Tratman	1	E. D. C. Wolfe	0
F. K. Ewart	0	F. G. le Gros	1
J. C. L. Mackay	0	G. S. Hugh Jones	1
A. E. Wood	1½	F. Syms Thompson	0
G. R. Sayer	½	J. T. Prior	1
	4		4½

Fourballs.

Hollis and Beavis	0	Pendered and Davidson	2
Halifax and Tratman	1	Lindsell and Wolfe	1
Ewart and Mackay	0	le Gros and Hugh Jones	2½
Wood and Sayer	1	Syme Thomson and Prior	1
Morning Round	4		4½
Grand Total	6		11

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Fulham	v.	Southampton.
Notts F.	v.	Chelsea.
Wolves	v.	Oldham.
Coventry	v.	Millwall.
Charlton	v.	Northampton.
Doncaster	v.	Bradford.
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Aberdeen	v.	St. Mirren.

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NOTABLE FUNCTION AT C. R. C.

One of the happiest functions in Hongkong's sporting annals occurred on Saturday at the Chinese Recreation Club, where a cricket match was played between the Chinese team and a representative eleven from the three principal hongs of the Colony, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

For several seasons the three hong teams have had the use of the Chinese ground for their cricket competitions, and Saturday's match was in the nature of a social wind-up to the season, affording an opportunity to the hongs' representatives to express their thanks for the Club's kindness.

In addition to the visiting team there were a number of friends present, of both sexes, representing the hongs. Among them were noticed Mr. N. S. Brown, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's and the Bank, Mr. B. D. F. Beith of Jardine's Mr. R. Hall, Mr. Chao Po-sien and Mr. Ho Leung.

The cricket was keen and pleasant, the home team winning after the visitors had been set to field in the hot sun. The performances of both sides were unstintedly applauded.

Tea was served in the Club's social hall upstairs, where some sixty people sat down. The Hongkong Hotel catered.

Cup Presented.

At the conclusion, Mr. N. S. Brown rose and said that in the absence of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who was unfortunately unable to attend as he would have liked, it devolved upon the speaker to try to convey the appreciation of Wayfoong, Ewo and Taikoo for the very great generosity displayed by the Chinese Recreation Club in placing its ground for several consecutive years at the disposal of the hongs for their inter-hong cricket matches.

He was particularly sorry that Mr. Bernard was not able to attend, because Mr. Bernard had taken such a keen interest in the hong games. He, the speaker, was sure they would all join with him in wishing Mr. Bernard a very pleasant voyage home and heaps of prosperity for the future. (Applause.)

Mr. Brown then asked the Club to accept a silver cup as "a small and inadequate token of the hongs' appreciation of the Club's kindness and hospitality." (Applause).

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, as President of the Chinese Recreation Club and Captain of the Club's cricket team, accepted the magnificent cup, which will be put up for competition. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong expressed his sense of the honour which had fallen to him, and voiced the Club's thanks for the kind words which Br. Brown had said of them. As regards the use of the ground, it had been a great pleasure to the Club to be of service. To the donors of the cup he returned hearty thanks and assured them that the Club would regard it as a momento of good fellowship. (Applause).

The cricket match resulted in a creditable victory for the Chinese by 47 runs.

Batting first, the hosts were able to declare their innings closed with the score at 153 for seven wickets, Tsui Wai-pui (51) and H. C. Hung (40) being the top scorers. Parker took five wickets for 43 runs.

The visiting players had bad luck to lose two valuable wickets cheaply in their eagerness to make runs, and with the Chinese bowling well the side was dismissed for 106, Parker making 40 and Hall, 25.

Ching took three wickets for 24 runs, Ng Sze-kwong two for 16 and W. Hung 2 for 22. Scores:

Chinese R. C.

W. C. Hung, b Parker	22
Tsui Wai-pui, run out	51
H. C. Hung, c and b Parker	40
C. Choa, c and b Parker	12
Ng Sze-kwong, b Parker	0
J. L. Youngsaye, l.b.w., Cornaby	2
H. Ching, not out	9
K. L. Chau, b Parker	0
Cheung Wing-kue, not out	1
Extras	16
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	153

C. E. Wong, and Tsui Hung-pui did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	14	5	43	5
Cornaby	11	2	45	1
Vallack	5	–	29	–
Hall	3	–	20	–

Taikoo, Ewo, and Wayfoong.

O. Moor, c Tsui Wai-pui b Ng Sze-kwong	5
R. A. Green, c Tsui Hung-pui b Ng Sze-kwong	2
H. V. Parker, b Ching	40
W. Fiddes-Wilson, run out	0
J. Crawford, b H. C. Hung	9
J. Hall, b Ching	25
A. H. Gillingham, run out	0
W. Brackenridge, b W. C. Hung	0
W. B. Cornaby, not out	1
E. P. Streatfield, b W. C. Hung	1
G. R. Vallack, c Tsui Wai-pui b Ching	7
Extras	16
Total	106

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. C. Hung	9	3	22	2
Ng Sze-kwong	5	1	16	2
Ching	8.2	2	24	3
H. C. Hung	7	–	28	1

ATHLETICS.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

London, Mar. 24.

At Queen's Club, in the Inter-Varsity athletic sports meeting, Cambridge beat Oxford by eight events to three.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL BASEBALL.

PITTSBURG TEAM SHOW FINE PLAY.

A suitable venue for the series of baseball games between the team of U.S.S. Pittsburg and locals was found in the Caroline Hill ground belonging to the South China Athletic, although it appears somewhat short. There was a big crowd present on Saturday, when the American side tried conclusions with the Japanese, the former putting it all over the Nippon men with a score of 12 runs to nil.

The Japanese never got really going and registered only two hits, while errors were plentiful. The Pittsburg notched 10 hits of which four were homers.

The teams lined out as follows:

Pittsburg		Japanese.
Lanloy	cf	Kusano
Nealon	2b	Koyama
Shaw	rf	Miki
Harce	1b	Morata
Venable	c	Y. Huchiuma
Van Ingen	ss	Yoshikawa
Griffin	lf	Tsukuguchi
Worthington	3b	Koga
Seaton	p	S. Huchiuma

Substitutes:—James and Nicholson (Pittsburg), Takatomi (Japanese).

Umpires.—Burrell and Zafra.

Both teams went down pointless in the first two innings and then Lanley opened with a home run over left. Nealan got round after an error, to another homer by Harce.

With the Japanese never getting beyond second, Griffin put on another run in the Pittsburg's fourth visit to the plate; Shaw, Venable, Van Ingen and Griggin (home run) one each at the fifth; Shaw one in the sixth; Lanley (home run), Worthington and Seaton one each in the seventh.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Pittsburg	0	0	3	1	4	1	3	12
Japanese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Seaton and Venable were a perfect battery, with five strike outs. Harce at first, Nealan at second and Van Ingen at short, were the only members of the side to be given any opportunity of field play and their exhibition was more than satisfying. It appears that the Pittsburg side will have no difficulty in winning the whole series.

S.C.A.A. Defeated.

The game between the South China team and the men from U.S.S. Pittsburg yesterday was almost a repetition of that against the Japanese, the result being a win for the Pittsburg by 16 runs to 1.

The Chinese scored only three hits, one of which was a homer, while the sailors recorded 16 hits and scored a large total of runs therefrom, aided by errors on the part of the local men.

The teams lined out as follows:

Pittsburg.		S. China.
Langley	c.f.	C. Wong
Nealan	s.s.	June
Shaw	r.f.	Shim
Harre	1.b.	T. Chinn
Venable	c.	S. S. Lee
Griffith	l.f.	Chanson
James	2.b.	D. Chinn
Worthington	3.b.	K. Chinn
Tetter	p.	S. L. Lee.

Substitutes:—Robertson (Pittsburg): P. Wong and Yung, (South China).

Umpires, Zafra, Burrell and Leonard.

The game opened with Langley for Pittsburg being struck out. Nealan scored a hit but the side was blanked. South China's effort was also a blank out, with three strike outs. Pittsburg then commenced hitting and at the second visit made runs through James, Worthington, Langley and Nealan.

Shim made a hit for China at the third visit, but got no further than first, there being three more strike outs. Pittsburg made seven runs at the third visit, through James, Worthington, Langley, Nealan, Shaw, Harre and Venable, on five hits.

China was still out of play and continued to be blanked. For the Pittsburg, Tetter scored a home run in the fourth, and Langley notched another circuit. Harre made a homer in the fifth, and was followed round by Venable and Worthington.

This completed the scoring for the side, the sixth and seventh being blank. Yung for China broke the spell of bad luck for his side, by putting a clean hit over centre field for a home run in seventh.

The Pittsburg men again showed they had the smoke on the balls, and although Lee was pitching quite well, he was not supported by the outfield, Shim being the outstanding man in this department.

Score by Innings:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Pittsburg	0	4	7	2	3	0	0	16
S. China	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Hits;—Pittsburg 15; S. China 3.

Strike-Outs; Pittsburg 12, S. China, 7.

Basketball Games.

It is announced that basketball games have been arranged between the teams of U.S.S. Pittsburg and the S.C.A.A., and also between the men of the fleet and the side from the Ying Wah College, the champions of the colony.

The Pittsburg v. S.C.A.A. game will take place at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and the Pittsburg v. Ying Wah College game at the same time and place on Thursday.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FIRST GAME OF THE TRIANGULAR SERIES.

The first match in the triangular tournament between the Navy, Army and the Hongkong Rugby Club was played at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon between the Navy and the Club, the former winning by ten points to five.

The Royal Navy showed superior combination, their forwards being particularly fast and having the advantage of weight. The Navy invariably obtained possession of the ball from the scrums, and their three-quarters combined well.

From the outset, the Navy took up the attack and were soon rewarded. Gaining possession, Rotherwell dodged two defenders and scored a try in the corner. Davis took the kick and made no mistake in converting, thus giving the Navy the lead by five points.

The Club were not to be outdone and whilst the ball was being passed from one Naval man to another, Lammert, by an exceptionally smart piece of work, nipped in and intercepted. Dashing straight through from his own "25" he scored right under the posts. Wales converted.

The Navy made a determined attack in the latter part of the second half and in a melee Birkett just managed to touch down. Paddon was successful in converting and gave the Navy the lead again by five points.

There was no further score, the final whistle blowing with the Navy winners.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE CUP SEMI-FINALS.

The semi-final matches played on Saturday have not decided which two teams will fight for the coveted honour at Wembley next month. Blackburn won their way into the final by beating the Arsenal at Leicester, but the struggle between the two Yorkshire teams, Huddersfield and Sheffield United, ended in a draw at Manchester. In the Scottish Cup the Rangers and Celtic go into the final. Results of the Cup matches are as follows:

The English Cup.

Huddersfield (Brown & Jackson)	2	Sheffield U. (Johnson 2) 2
Blackburn (Roscamp)	1	Arsenal 0

C. ground.

The Scottish Cup.

Hibernians	0	Rangers 3
Celtic	2	Queen's Park 1

The League results as cabled by Reuter are:

Division I.

Birmingham	4	Burnley	0
Bolton	3	Leicester	3
Cardiff	1	West Ham	5
Everton	2	Derby	2
Manchester	–	Sunderland	–
Newcastle	2	Bury	3
Wednesday	4	Liverpool	0
Tottenham	2	Aston Villa	1

*Not played.

Division II.

Blackpool	5	Notts. Forest	3
Bristol C.	2	Swansea	1
Chelsea	0	Manchester C.	1
Clapton O.	0	Hull	0
Grimsby	4	Sth. Shields	1
Notts. County	1	Wolves	2
Oldham	4	Port Vale	1
Reading	0	Leeds	1
Southampton	6	Barnsley	1
Stoke	5	Fulham	1
West Brom.	2	Preston	4

Division III. (South).

Brentford	2	Gillingham	0
Bournemouth	3	Walsall	1
Brighton	5	Merthyr	0
Crystal Pal.	1	Swindon	0
Exeter	4	Queen's P. R.	0
Luton	3	Coventry	1
Millwall	5	Newport	1
Northants	2	Bristol R.	0
Norwich	0	Charlton	0
Southend	3	Plymouth	0
Torquay	1	Watford	1

Division III. (North).

Barrow	6	Halifax	2
Bradford	6	Darlington	3
Chesterfield	1	Doncaster	0
Durham	1	Accrington	0
Nelson	0	Bradford C.	3
Rochdale	0	New Brighton	0
Rotherham	2	Lincoln	4
Southport	1	Crewe	0
Tranmere	5	Ashington	3
Wrexham	5	Wigan	1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Hearts	0
Airdrie.	2	St. Mirren	3
Bo'ness	1	Motherwell	1
Clyde	1	Kilmarnock	1
Hamilton	3	Dundee	3
Raith R.	5	Dunfermline	1
St. Johnstone	1	Partick	2

—*Reuter.*

Full League Tables.

The following tables show the position of the teams in the various Leagues. Mid-week and Saturday's matches have been taken into account in their compilation.

Division I.

Huddersfield	32	18	6	8	75	50	42
Everton	34	14	11	9	78	56	39
Leicester	34	15	8	11	75	63	38
Cardiff	34	15	8	11	59	53	38
Bolton	34	14	9	11	69	55	37
Blackburn	33	13	9	11	50	57	35
Newcastle	33	12	10	11	68	65	34
West Ham	34	13	8	13	70	70	34
Tottenham	34	14	6	14	65	68	34
Bury	35	16	2	17	63	70	34
Birmingham	34	10	13	11	59	63	33
Burnley	35	14	5	16	63	79	33
Sunderland	31	12	8	11	63	59	32
Arsenal	31	12	8	11	68	70	32
Derby	33	11	9	13	71	70	31
Portsmouth	33	12	7	14	54	73	31
Aston Villa	33	12	7	14	63	64	31
Liverpool	34	11	9	14	73	71	31
Middlesbro'	34	10	11	13	69	71	31
Manchester U.	32	11	7	14	49	56	29
Sheffield	32	11	7	14	59	68	29
Wednesday	33	7	10	16	60	67	24

Division II.

Chelsea	34	20	7	7	63	32	47
Manchester C.	32	20	6	6	79	46	46
Preston	34	19	8	7	78	47	46
Leeds	34	20	6	8	82	51	46
Stoke	34	17	7	10	64	50	41
Oldham	33	17	6	10	64	38	40
West Brom.	34	14	9	11	79	61	37
Bristol C.	34	14	7	13	63	68	35
Notts Forest	32	14	6	12	71	66	34
Swansea	33	13	8	12	62	58	34
Port Vale	33	15	4	14	58	51	34
Grimsby	35	12	10	13	53	67	34
Hull	32	9	12	11	35	41	30
Reading	33	10	9	14	46	61	29
Clapton O.	33	10	8	15	46	67	28
Barnsley	34	10	8	16	45	76	28
Wolves	33	10	7	16	55	80	27
Southampton	34	10	7	17	50	62	27
Notts. C.	34	9	9	16	54	68	27
Blackpool	34	10	7	17	68	88	27
Fulham	33	10	5	18	62	78	25
South Shields	34	5	6	23	45	97	16

Division III (South).

Millwall	33	22	5	6	103	46	49
Northants	32	19	6	7	83	50	44
Plymouth	33	17	5	11	69	48	39
Brighton	33	15	9	9	60	55	39
Exeter	33	15	9	9	57	43	39
Swindon	30	15	7	8	69	51	37
Newport	33	15	7	11	66	59	37
Crystal Pal.	33	14	9	10	60	59	37
Queen's Park	33	15	6	12	54	45	36
Southend	32	15	4	13	58	54	34
Brentford	34	14	5	15	60	61	33
Charlton	31	10	11	10	42	54	31
Bournemouth	33	12	7	14	62	64	31
Gillingham	31	11	8	12	48	53	30
Norwich	32	8	10	14	55	59	26
Watford	32	10	6	16	52	63	26
Luton	32	10	5	17	71	76	25
Bristol R.	32	11	3	18	56	78	25
Merthyr	34	8	9	17	46	78	25
Coventry	32	9	6	17	54	74	24
Walsall	34	9	6	19	55	83	24
Torquay	33	6	11	16	40	82	23

Division III (North).

Bradford	34	22	9	3	94	35	53
Doncaster	33	19	5	9	68	35	43
Stockport	32	18	6	8	63	39	42
Tranmere	32	17	7	8	81	53	41
Lincoln	34	18	5	11	72	61	41
Bradford C.	34	15	10	9	75	51	40
Darlington	32	17	4	11	73	50	38
Southport	34	17	4	13	57	54	38
Wrexham	34	16	5	13	55	52	37
Accrington	34	14	8	12	63	55	36
Halifax	33	11	11	11	64	59	33
Rochdale	32	15	2	15	16	61	32
New Brighton	32	11	9	12	61	45	31
Hartlepools	34	13	5	16	60	70	31
Rotherham	34	11	8	15	57	58	30
Chesterfield	34	11	8	15	58	66	30
Crewe	34	9	8	17	62	72	26
Ashington	34	8	7	19	56	92	23
Durham	34	9	5	20	42	80	23
Barrow	34	8	7	19	45	93	23
Nelson	33	9	4	20	59	100	22
Wigan	34	7	7	20	42	82	21

Scottish League.

Motherwell	34	21	8	5	85	40	50
Rangers	30	20	6	4	88	32	46
Celtic	31	19	8	4	77	28	46
Hearts	34	19	5	10	85	49	43
St. Mirren	34	18	6	10	71	46	42
Aberdeen	34	17	5	12	68	54	39
Falkirk	33	16	4	13	72	58	36
Kilmarnock	34	13	10	11	59	60	36
Partick	32	15	5	12	71	55	35
St. Johnstone	34	13	8	13	64	58	34
Cowdenbeath	32	13	7	12	57	59	33
Dundee	34	13	5	16	61	76	31
Hibernians	33	11	7	15	59	64	29
Airdrieonians	33	9	10	14	51	64	28
Clyde	34	10	8	16	48	67	28
Queen's Park	33	10	6	17	60	71	26
Hamilton	34	11	4	19	62	77	26
Bo'ness	33	9	6	18	41	74	24
Raith	32	7	5	20	49	87	19
Dunfermline	33	3	3	27	37	111	9

Home Rugby.

London, Mar. 24.

Playing at Twickenham the Army rugby players won the Inter-Services Championship, beating the Air Force by 18 points to six.—*Reuter.*

YACHTING.

CORINTHIAN RACE SAILED ON SATURDAY.

The Corinthian Race for presented cups, was sailed at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday over a course of 5¼ miles from the Club to Channel Rocks, Cust Rock buoy, mark on Club line and, Cust Rock with finish at the Club.

The results were as follows:

Handicap Class.

	TIMES. Finishing	Corrected
Rolla (1st)	3.18.29	3.18.29
Colleen (2nd)	3.25.31	3.20.58
Diana	did not finish	

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Daphne (3rd)	3.30.40	3.30.40
Ailsa (4th)	3.31.29	3.31.29
Pierrette (2nd)	3.31.54	3.20.42
Halcyon (5th)	3.32.15	3.32.15
Thecla (1st)	3.34.35	3.28.01
Joan (6th)	3.38.16	3.34.19
Gael (7th)	3.42.13	3.38.17

Heyward Heys Class.

Adele (1st)	3.34.55	3.34.55
Wings (2nd)	3.36.09	3.36.09
Boojum (3rd)	3.36.26	3.36.26
Why Wonder? (5th)	3.38.18	3.38.18
Lola (4th)	3.41.40	3.38.10

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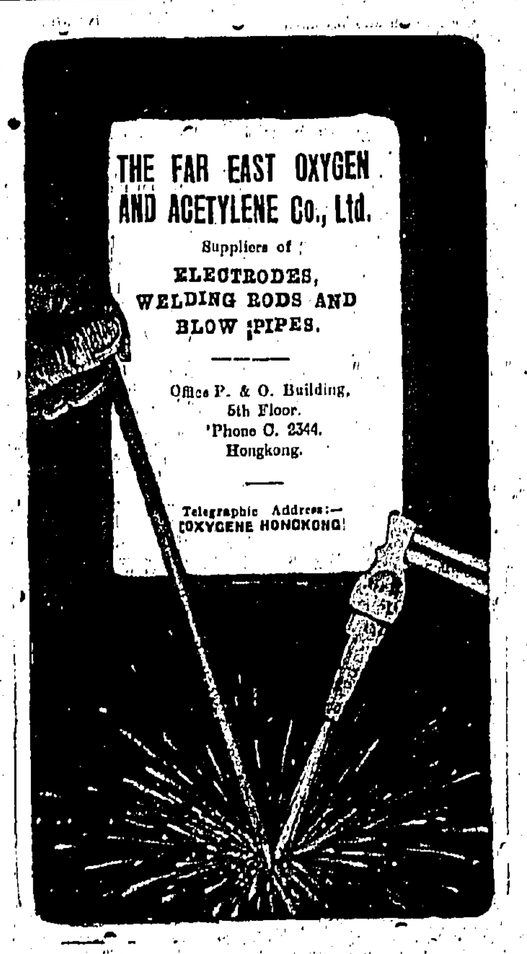

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With the championships of the two Leagues decided, the cricket season is drawing to an end and only friendly matches have been played during the past two or three weeks, with an occasional League game.

On Saturday the Kowloon C.C. seconds engaged the Police and won fairly easily, beating their opponents by nearly 100 runs, in the second division of the League.

The match was played at Happy Valley, the visitors batting first. The Kowloon men played one man short but by consistent scoring were able to declare their innings closed after the fall of the seventh wicket with 172 runs on the board. Petheram was top scorer with 46 while other notable contributions were made by Dand (33 not out), Morton (25), Raven (23) and Lindsell (20).

The Police could do no better than 79, of which number Alexander carried his bat for 43. Three men were absent from the hosts' team. Scores:

Kowloon.

R. E. Lindsell, b Alexander	20
C. T. Evans, c sub., b Alexander	1
G. Lee, c sub., b Alexander	2
G. A. V. Hall, c Thorpe, b Baker	13
B. Petheram, c Alexander, b Williamson	46
A. R. F. Raven, c sub., b Williamson	23
A. A. Dand, not out	33
E. B. Morton, c Williamson, b Alexander	25
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wkts., doc.)	172

L. A. Lawton, H. Overy and another did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	11	–	64	4
Baker	9	–	40	1
Wagland	6	–	27	–
Williamson	4	–	17	2
Meadows	3	–	15	–

Police R.C.

C. F. Alexander, not out	43
B. Thorpe, b Lee	9
W. W. Williamson, c Petheram, b Raven	1
B. G. Baker, l.b.w., Raven	5
W. E. Meadows, c Hall, b Lee	13
Wagland, b Lee	0
Smith, run out	0
Edwards, b Overy	0
Extras	8
Total	79

Three men absent.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	10	–	13	3
Overy	6.5	–	35	1
Raven	5	–	23	2

Friendly Matches.

The Hongkong C.C. journeyed to Kowloon and suffered a heavy defeat, notwithstanding the fact that they had quite a strong eleven out. They were beaten by nine wickets.

The Hongkong C.C. players took first knock but could do little against the bowling of Lyal and Goodwin. The whole team was dismissed for 132 runs, Lyal taking five for 43 and Goodwin four for 30.

Brace and Ramsey opened strongly for the home side and made victory safe before they were separated, the partnership producing 103 runs for the first wicket. The necessary runs for victory were knocked off by Brace and E. C. Fincher, the innings eventually yielding 199 for four wickets.

Brace collected 71, Ramsey 47 and E. F. Fincher 38.

Navy Seconds v Civil Service.

At King's Park, the Royal Navy second played the Civil Service junior team, the match ending in a draw. The Navy team scored 156 and declared the innings closed with two wickets in hand. Orchard with 49 and Bensley with 34 were the main scorers. Devitt took five wickets for 50 runs.

When stumps were drawn the visitors had scored 67 for five wickets (Harper 28). Hill captured three wickets for ten runs.

R. A. S. C. v Indians "B."

The R.A.S.C. entertained the Indian R.C. "B" and won comfortably. After making 235 for four wickets (Capt. Drysdale 88 not out and S. S. Wood 73 not out), the Service Corps dismissed their opponents for 95 runs. Newberry took four wickets for 18 runs, Glenny three for 21 and Drysdale two for 16.

K.C.C. Match.

An interesting all-day inter-club cricket match was played at the Kowloon C. C. yesterday between teams captained by Mr. F. Goodwin and Mr. H. Overy. Twelve a side were played and the latter side took first knock, compiling the big score of 201, of which Capt. Reynolds retired with 115 to his credit. Evans made 48 and Buxton 44. Goodwin's team replied with 157, Petheram being top scorer with 51, with Goodwin 82. At the conclusion of the match Capt. Reynolds was presented with a bat on making his first century on the K. C.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

FIVE NATIONS COMPETE AT AYR.

London, Mar. 24.

Five nations competed in a cross country race, in teams of six, over a distance of 8¾ miles at Ayr, which was won by France with 45 points.

England was second with 55 points and Scotland third with 104 points.

Points of the other two nations were Wales 180 and Ireland 179.

Eckersley (England) was first home, in 52 mins. 34 3/5 secs.—*Reuter.*

RIFLE LEAGUE.

TRIANGULAR SHOOT AT STONECUTTERS.

A triangular shoot between teams representing the Royal Air Force, the Hongkong Police and the Dockyard Rifle Club was fired at Stonecutters on Saturday afternoon. The Dockyard R. C. scored a double victory while the Air Force took full points from the Police, who, however, were two men short.

The full scores were:

Dockyard R. C.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
J. Littleton	24	34	32	90
A. L. Cook	28	30	31	89
G. J. Lewis	25	28	32	85
W. R. Latham	25	29	26	80
T. Young	21	28	30	79
W. J. Johnston	24	29	26	79
Wickenden	24	21	22	77
W. Garrett	22	28	23	73
	193	237	222	652
Plus 4 per cent for open sights				0
Total				652

Royal Air Force.

S. M. Warren	29	27	25	81
Sgt. Gallienne	26	29	26	81
Lieut. Bassett	23	28	27	78
Sgt. Price	22	25	25	72
L. A. C. Waller	19	21	29	69
Capt. Day	24	25	19	68
Sgt. Saxby	25	26	15	66
Sgt. Willcox	25	20	13	58
	193	201	179	573
Plus 4 per cent for open sights				20
Total				593

Hongkong Police.

L. S. McKay	19	28	31	78
Mr. Dawson	22	29	27	78
P. C. Farrell	23	30	23	76
L. S. Ritchie	20	23	31	74
L. S. May	16	29	23	68
A. S. I. Carey	23	27	15	65
	123	166	150	439
Plus 4 per cent for open sights				14
Total				453

A MAD SCRAMBLE.

NEW YORK SHARE BOOM.

New York, Mar. 24.

Stock Exchange brokers struggling in an avalanche of commissions due to the pandemonious conditions over the week are beginning to crack under the physical strain.

Clerks and book-keepers are similarly suffering from nervous exhaustion due to long hours, but relief is not yet visible.

The maelstrom continues to boil, shares of all kinds figuring in the mad scramble which is hourly creating new records.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD DO WELL.

London, Mar. 24.

The Oxford Crew were out today in the rain and rowed a full course trial, finishing in the splendid time of 19 minutes 20 seconds which is only 59 seconds outside the record.—*Reuter.*

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, to be presented at the third ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held in the Board Room of the Company, second floor, Exchange Building, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, April 11, states:

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927, (including the sum of $2,357.86 brought forward from the previous year), after charging $154,238.64 for Depreciation and distributing $57,678.00 in respect of Interim Dividend of 3% paid on 17th October, 1927, amounted to $165,679.45, which your Directors recommend be appropriated as follows:

Payment of a Final Dividend of 5%, making a total of 8% for the year	$96,180.00
Transfer to General Reserve	50,000.00
Bonus to European Staff	8,199.98
Bonus to Operators	4,394.00
Carry forward to next account	7,015.47
	$165,679.45

Directors.—Consequent on the resignation of Mr. B. Lander Lewis, owing to ill-health, the Board appointed Mr. D. H. Blake a Director, and his appointment requires your confirmation.

Under Article 94 of the Company's Articles of Association, The Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., have nominated Messrs. T. G. Weall, and C. G. S. Mackie as Directors of this Company.

These appointments also require your confirmation.

Under Article No. 105 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LLD, and Mr. J. Scott Harston retire by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the year under review have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

[The Company's balance sheet shows, on the Assets side, the sum of $65,960.85, designated "Automatic Plant, preliminary expenses."]

NORTHERN IRELAND.

GOVERNOR REAPPOINTED FOR FURTHER TERM.

London, Mar. 24.

The Duke of Abercorn has been reappointed Governor of Northern Ireland for a further six years.—*Reuter.*

[The Duke of Abercorn is now 59 years old. He was formerly Lord Lieutenant of Tyrone, and became Governor of Northern Ireland in 1922.]

MORE TROUBLE.

ANOTHER ARMS SMUGGLING INCIDENT.

London, Mar. 25.

The wires between the Balkan capitals are buzzing with accusations and denials, following the action of the Jugo-Slav authorities in holding up a goods train at the frontier station of Subatica.

The train consisted of 22 sealed trucks containing explosives, alleged to be consigned from Italy to Rumania.—*Reuter.*

[This incident will revive the previous incident of a few months ago, wherein a consignment of machine-gun parts said to be similarly consigned was similarly held up. The allegation is that Italy is arming Rumania for the latter's quarrel with Hungary.

The League of Nations took up the last incident, but after Mr. Cheng Loh, the President, had been reproved for his over-zealousness, the League carefully shelved the matter by appointing a committee to report at some time in the future.]

COMPANY CAPITAL.

WINDFALL FOR BANK SHAREHOLDERS.

New York, Mar. 24.

The National City Bank is raising $60,000,000 additional capital, which is being issued to shareholders so much below the market price of shares that they will benefit to the extent of $56,000,000.

Seventy-five per cent. of the new capital will be added to the Bank's existing capital, and the surplus to that of the National City Company, a subsidiary corporation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EMPIRE COTTON.

LANCASHIRE FEDERATION'S LEVY.

London, Mar. 24.

The Federations of Master Cotton Spinners has decided to undertake for five years the imposition of a levy of threepence a bale on all raw cotton purchased by spinners and manufacturers of Lancashire, the proceeds to be devoted to development of cotton growing within the Empire.

Previously the Federation had contributed a levy of sixpence a bale.—*Reuter.*

TAKING A FLIP.

CONGRESS MEN ENJOY FLIGHT.

Washington, Mar. 25.

Most of the local prominent personages queued up at Bolling Field aerodrome awaiting their turn to take a "flip" with Col. Lindbergh who recently invited all Congress men to take a trip.

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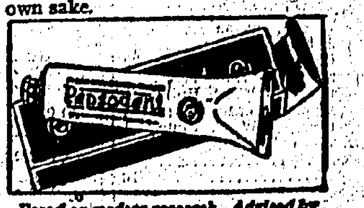

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CHAPTER XXV.

A PROPOSAL.

Theresa Feversham had passed a miserable day, and in Elias Feversham's opinion she deserved nothing better. Since Inspector Pow's visit the same morning, her uncle had not scrupled to show his annoyance in his face, his voice and even in his silence. This had been oppressive. Though they had met at luncheon and dinner, he had scarcely spoken, he had glared at her with obvious indignation and the worst of it was that Theresa felt bound to admit that he had a good deal of justification.

How could she have been idiotic enough to allow Everard Parkinson to persuade her to assist him, to convince her, as certainly he had done, that she was engaged in a meritorious operation?

Theresa was, in fact, wise after the event. She had assumed Everard's good faith and doubted Foster's. In consequence she was threatened by the most humiliating ordeal, as Elias Feversham had not omitted to remind her at regular intervals during the day.

If Parkinson, a man whom he had always disliked, were arrested, her share in the transaction would inevitably be made public. She had brought disgrace and ridicule on herself and on him.

She had been feeling extremely curious to know what had happened since Inspector Pow left the Capital Hotel, and the only hope of news was from Foster Markwell. Granting anything definite to communicate, she felt confident she should see him before she went to bed. Sleep would be out of the question!

Mr. Feversham was not going out this evening. He said he was ashamed to show his face. With his cigar alight, he was sitting with Theresa, at the end of the vestibule the farthest from the revolving door. In a room on their right a band was playing a jazz tune and several couples were dancing. Theresa could hear the band without seeing it.

She commanded a view of the entrance, upon which which her eyes were fixed, while Mr. Feversham glanced in silence through one after another of a pile of newspapers, which had been delivered by the last American mail.

It was half-past nine. Suddenly Theresa sat more upright. Foster had just come in and she found it necessary to put great constraint upon herself to stay where she was instead of rising from her chair and running to meet him.

Elias Feversham held out his hand with a serious expression.

"We—ell, doctor, what's the latest news?" he asked. "Or have you come to say there's none?"

"Inspector Pow rang me up an hour or so ago," said Foster, with a deprecatory glance at Theresa's anxious face. "He arrested Parkinson at Cliff Street this evening. I am ordered to turn up at the police court at half-past one to-morrow."

"I imagine," suggested Feversham with a frown, "they'll want Theresa too."

"I'm afraid so. "Parkinson," Foster added, "admits that he was at Baynton Crescent at half-past nine on the evening of the murder."

"He admits—admits that!" murmured Theresa. Everard had protested that he had paid only one visit to the house at Haverstock Hill. How was it possible to credit a single word he said? "Then," she added, "if he admits he was at the house, I—I don't see it matters very much what he did afterwards, what he did at Treadwell Mansion, I mean."

"Pow," Foster explained, "will follow Parkinson from the moment Redpath told him where the jewels were to be found. I shall have to give a minute account of my visit to your flat. I'm afraid there's no doubt about that."

"Nor," cried Elias Feversham, "that Theresa was hand and glove with the scoundrel. Who will believe she didn't know the jewels had been insured, that she wasn't entirely under Parkinson's thumb? Great Scott! I can see the captions! 'Daughter of Dan Feversham holds up young doctor in her flat.' 'Society woman and gentleman crook.'"

Too restless to sit still, he rose with a snort of indignation, collected his scattered newspapers, and walked away with short, jerky steps to the door, passing out to the night air, in the hope of cooling his head.

"What do you think now?" asked Theresa, as Foster took Mr. Feversham's seat.

"That the whole contraption's a damnable nuisance," he answered.

"Oh, there's no question about that. But what of Everard? He has proved himself contemptibly mean, and capable of the most bare-faced lies, but surely it doesn't follow that he murdered Miss Croom."

"I am trying to suspend judgment at least till to-morrow," said Foster.

"I can seldom succeed in that," Theresa admitted. "It's one of the most difficult things in the world. I am bound to make up my mind one way or the other. Dr. Markwell, do you imagine I shall be compelled to stand up in court and tell that horrid story in public?"

"Upon my word, I don't see how you're to get out of it."

"How I wish I could sail for New York tonight! Uncle Elias is quite right. I shall never hear the last of it at home. You see," she added rather hesitatingly. "I am fairly well known over there. You heard what my uncle insinuated."

"About your being under—under Parkinson's influence?" suggested Foster.

"People won't know that whatever he did, was done simply for Nina. And if I hadn't known he was so keen about my cousin, I should never have had so much to do with him either in New York, or at Newport, or here. You can imagine what everybody will say."

"Let them say!" answered Foster. "What does it matter?"

"I don't pretend to be one of those superior persons who attach no importance to public opinion—"

"The question is," urged Foster, while the jazz band continued to play out of sight, and the vestibule was almost deserted, "whether we can't find a way to influence it."

"How" demanded Theresa.

"If, for instance, you could promise to be my wife."

Theresa slowly shook her head, but as her hand rested on the arm of her chair, Foster covered it with his own.

"It's true," he whispered, "I haven't a great deal to offer you. The best I can do is to buy a practice, somewhere in the country for choice. It isn't a very tempting prospect, but, Theresa, if you could bring yourself to tolerate that and me——"

Foster could feel the pressure of her fingers, intertwined with his own.

"My dear," she murmured, "don't talk of that side of it. It simply doesn't count. And it's generous to ask me just now, when—oh! you can't help knowing I feel pretty thoroughly down and out."

"It's you who have to be generous," he insisted. "I'm asking you to give me the most precious thing the world contains. This is how I look at it," he continued. "Idiots may imagine two things. First that you were seriously in conspiracy with Parkinson to rob me. Secondly that he had some wretched hold over you. But we could kill two birds with one stone. If the question were put to you the moment you enter the witness box to-morrow, as we could easily arrange that it should be: Are you engaged to be married to Dr. Markwell? don't you see the difference it would make? It would prove that on the one hand I didn't accuse you of attempting to rob me, and on the other that I felt perfectly satisfied concerning your relationship to Parkinson."

"Some people might think," she returned with the faintest of smiles, "that I had just succeeded in beguiling you more completely. Anyhow, I won't marry you, Foster."

"Oh, but I'm certain you will," he said. "The only question was whether you cared for me well enough."

"There is no—no question about that," she faltered, but so that he could scarcely hear the words.

"Now, do you imagine," he cried, "in the face of such a confession I am fool enough to let you go? You're making a mountain out of a molehill, creating a fanciful obstacle."

"It seems a very formidable one to me," she retorted. "To-morrow I shall feel utterly humiliated and disgraced. I shall have to admit that I led you on, plotted to induce you to bring that hateful box to my flat, that on opening it I discovered you had suspected me from first to last, and got more than even. Perhaps, it's only pride. Still I mean what I say. If I have to give myself away in court to-morrow, nothing on earth will ever induce me to marry you. I shan't even return home. I am not joking. I shall go to the ends of the earth to hide myself."

"Well," said Foster, "wherever thou goest! My dear, you've admitted you love me. Do I strike you as such an ass as to lose you, knowing that?"

"If anything should happen," she answered slowly and deliberately, "to spare me the ordeal that I dread more than I have ever dreaded anything in my life, I will marry you—whenever you like."

"You're expecting a miracle."

"I didn't say I expected it. But if I am fated to expose myself. —"

Foster tried to force a laugh.

"Don't utter words you will have to take back," he said. "You may keep me waiting; you may tantalize me half out of my mind; but as surely as the sun rises in the morning, you shall be mine before you've done. I shall go to the agent before I put in an appearance in the police court, to inquire about a practice. Then when the blessed time comes, we shan't have to wait."

"No," she cried, "you're not to do that. Promise me you won't."

Her insistence alarmed him, but she would not be satisfied till he promised not to take a single step towards the investment of what small capital he possessed, without giving her due notice. Then they saw Mr. Feversham approaching with his bundle of newspapers, shivering slightly as he intercepted a waiter and ordered cocktails.

"Cold outside!" he exclaimed, sitting down by the others, lighting a fresh cigar and looking, Theresa fancied, a little more equable than he had done since the morning. "I've been thinking things over," he added. "Theresa mayn't have to give evidence, after all. Quite conceivable."

"I shall have to, anyhow," said Foster.

Suppose," cried Feversham, "Parkinson should plead guilty."

"What a ghastly means of escape," murmured Theresa.

"Still, it would be a means. As it is he has admitted what he at first denied. He'll pass the night in a cell. Rather a change. Time to think things over. His chief concern will be to keep his neck out of the noose. He may think a confession would give him a better chance."

"You assume his guilt before he's tried," said Theresa.

"I guess," answered Mr. Feversham, "that as he was at the house that night, he did the woman in. I'm not saying he meant to. But he tried to persuade her to hand over the box. She insisted that it wasn't in the house. He said he should look for himself. She tried to get to the telephone, and he had a gun in his pocket. Afraid to shoot, he struck her on the head, intending to stun her. That's my theory, and it won't surprise me if he pleads guilty."

As he ceased speaking, the waiter arrived with the cocktails.

(To Be Continued.)

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

TEA CLIPPER DAYS RECALLED.

(Continued from Page 7.)

she was approaching Singapore when another ship—they didn't carry lights at night in those days—came out of the mist and rammed the Laertes amidships. The offending vessel withdrew, and the Laertes lay over at an uncomfortable angle, with a gaping hole in her side. Captain Jenkyns was in bed, but he rushed out in his pyjamas and took charge.

The entire crew were safely got into the boats, the skipper following last with his log-book, papers, and log. But when nearing the other ship he ordered his boat back; he had forgotten something important. Without a word the men rowed back, and the skipper, although only in night wear, and turned sixty years of age, clambered up the sloping side of the ship and to his cabin, where he rescued his false teeth! Down to the boat again and away—the boat got to the waiting ship just as the Laertes rolled over and sank from sight.

"THE CAMPUS FLIRT."

AMUSING FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

Bebe Daniels is seen in a bright and amusing picture at the Queen's Theatre, this being "The Campus Flirt," which is the main film in the current programme. It will be shown at all sessions today, after having drawn appreciative houses yesterday.

The story is that of an American girl who goes to a finishing college in the States, after education in Europe, and who there proves herself objectionable by refusing to enter into the democratic spirit of the institution. All manner of amusing incidents occur before she finally capitulates and becomes the favourite by winning athletic honours for her college in a great meet with a rival institution. We imagine that the College doings are a trifle overdrawn, but that only serves to add to the fun. The climax—the inter-college athletic meet—is extremely exciting, and well worth seeing.

Bebe Daniels is at her very best in this picture, whilst she has the support of a strong and talented cast.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, returned from Shanghai by the Karmala on Saturday.

$1,000 CLAIMED AS DAMAGES.

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also Lau On and two others, making five altogether.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Arculli said that was the only door of exit. There was another doorway leading to another room, but there was no exit from that other room.

After locking the door, Suen stood with his back against it and told plaintiff that he would not be allowed to go away. Suen and Haynes then had a conversation, and the former told plaintiff that the latter said he (plaintiff) was liable to imprisonment in respect of the $750 which they were collecting for Chung Kin.

Pushed Back.

Continuing, Mr. Arculli said that Lau On asked to be allowed to go, saying that the matter had nothing to do with him. Suen then unlocked the door and allowed Lau On to go. Plaintiff tried to follow, but Suen pushed him back. After that, he was taken into the adjoining room.

His Lordship:—Who took him in?

Mr. Arculli:—Suen took him in.

Mr. Arculli continued that Lau On went to see his (Mr. Arculli's) clerk, Lau Sui-sang, and they returned to the office. When they arrived, they found that the door was not locked. The plaintiff was there as well as the three defendants. After a conversation with Houghton and Suen as to the legality of their detaining the plaintiff, he was allowed to go.

The plaintiff gave evidence bearing out Mr. Arculli's opening and said that Chung Kin was formerly a co-partner with plaintiff. He was also told that in addition to the $750 he would have to pay 30 per cent. to the Association. He said to Haynes in Chinese:—"If you ask me to pay this sum of money, I want to see the accounts to check them, otherwise I have no means of paying the money."

Cannot Leave.

He did not know whether Haynes understood Chinese. Suen then said, after a conversation with Haynes:—"If you don't pay, you cannot leave." Plaintiff believed that Suen was acting as an interpreter.

After speaking as to the locking of the door the plaintiff continued that Lau On left between 4 o'clock and 4.15. He returned with Lau Sui-sang at about 4.45. During the whole of that time he (plaintiff) was in the room.

About a week afterwards, plaintiff received a letter with regard to the $750 which he showed to Chau Kung-chi and Lau Sui-sang. Later, a writ was issued against him before the Police Magistrate. That was in the Magistrate's chambers. Another writ was issued in the Summary Court.

Mr. Arculli:—Who was suing you?

Plaintiff:—Chung Kin.

Plaintiff said that nothing happened in the Magistrate's chambers. He denied that he owed money to Chung Kin.

In reply to Mr. Wadeson, plaintiff said he saw the books on January 19th. Chung Kin was not present as Suen had the power of attorney to act for him. Suen and Haynes spoke together in English and then Suen told it to him (plaintiff) in Chinese.

No Power to Detain.

Mr. Wadeson:—Did he? How did you know?

Plaintiff:—Because I told Suen that he had no power to detain me. Then Haynes took up a book and opened it. Then Suen said to me that according to law he had that power.

Mr. Wadson:—Well, Suen read out of a book to you. That's all?

Plaintiff:— Haynes opened the book and pointed to the pages with his finger, saying something in English to Suen which I did not know. Then Suen said to me "according to law, there is power to detain you."

Mr. Wadeson suggested to plaintiff that he went to the office of his own free will.

Plaintiff replied that he went because the letter was sent to him by defendants, and if he did not go, he would be charged criminally, so that he had no alternative but to go. He did not see Haynes leave the office.

Replying to Mr. Arculli, plaintiff said he could not see Haynes, who was in the adjoining room.

Replying to his Lordship, plaintiff said that Haynes did not go into the second room at any time.

The case is proceeding.

Mr. Grosvenor Berry's cow "Postmistress," Europe's first 2,000 gallon Jersey, has now completed her full year's record, and by producing 21,031¼lb. of milk in 365 days, has beaten the previous world's Jersey cow record of 20,835 lb., given by the Australian cow "Wagga Gladys." "Postmistress" completed her record on January 28, and her last day's yield was 40¼lb., and her total for the last week of her lactation was 283 lb. Her greatest yield in 24 hours was 81 lb. of milk.

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their salaries being granted to the staff.

After the resolution, which I am about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to ask.

I now propose the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of $43 per share, an addition of £25,000 = $246,153.85 to Sterling Reserve, of $100,000 to Silver Reserve, the transfer of £5,287-7-5 = $52,060.27 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

In rising to second the resolution, Mr. J. H. Taggart paid a tribute to the management of the affairs of the Company by the Consulting Committee, especially to the Chairman. It was a matter for regret that Mr. Bernard would be shortly leaving the Colony, but they all wished Mr. Bernard, in his new sphere of activities, the success that had attended his work in the Colony.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. Sherry, the following were re-elected to serve on the Consulting Committee:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, were re-elected auditors, on the proposition of Mr. Bridger, seconded by Mr. Steavenson.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.

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At the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, Mr. W. Schofield discharged the Chinese who was charged on remand with harbouring a Chinese girl under the age of 21 years. Mr. Williams had stated that the S.C.A. was not anxious to prosecute, and that the girl was willing to marry the defendant.

Mr. R. Weeding Skinner, General Manager in Shanghai of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is returning to England after 21 years in China, five of which were with the concern from which he recently tendered his resignation. Mr. Skinner is leaving Shanghai on March 27 on the P. and O. liner Mantua.

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COMEDY SEASON.

RETURN OF THE WILBUR PLAYERS.

Theatre-goers will be interested to learn that booking opens to-day for the special comedy season to be given in the Star Theatre by the popular American company, the Wilbur Players, who begin a farewell visit to the Colony on Tuesday, April 3. With the exception of the world famous farce comedies, "Charley's Aunt" and "The Family Upstairs," which the company are giving again by popular request, the plays will all be entirely new to Hongkong.

The first of the plays to be presented will be "The Sap," William Grew's big Broadway success, which will be given on Tuesday, April 3, and again the following night. The word "sap" is the American slang term for blockhead, and the plot deals with the adventures of a duffer who surprises everybody in the end. "The Sap" will be followed by the great detective comedy, "Handcuffed," on Thursday; the sensational comedy with a London background, "Three Live Ghosts," on Friday; the delightfully amusing farce, "Her Wedding Night," on Saturday; the ever welcome farce comedy, "Charley's Aunt," on Sunday, with song, dance and music specialities; and for a grand farewell performance, the delicious domestic comedy, "The Family Upstairs," on Monday night. Besides the performance on Sunday night, "Charley's Aunt" will be presented as a matinee at 5.30 on Sunday afternoon, when children will be admitted at half price.

The Wilbur Players established an excellent reputation on their previous visit to Hongkong and they are returning from a very successful tour of India, Burma and Malaya. Hence a very enjoyable season at the Star Theatre is assured. Admission will be at the popular prices of $3, $2 and $1, and booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

LLOYD'S NEW HOME.

INAUGURATED BY THE KING.

London, Mar. 24.

His Majesty the King to-day inaugurated the new headquarters of Lloyd's, the foundation stone of which he laid in 1925. His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen.

This is the third home that Lloyd's has had since its inception in the coffee house in 1688.

The new building was designed by Sir Edward Cooper and cost £2,000,000. It stands on the site of the former East India Company in Leadenhall Street.—*Reuter.*

A British Wireless message says that the King and Queen were received by cheering crowds as they drove from Buckingham Palace. The magnificent buildings are regarded as among London's finest. The growth of the famous institution is one of the romances of City history. Two hundred and forty years ago, seamen and merchants used to meet in a coffee house in Tower Street, kept by Edward Lloyd and from these small beginnings has grown an institution of world importance.

THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE BUILDING FUND.

For the next two weeks, up to April 11, some 500 men under the leadership of twelve well-known merchants or professional men will visit several thousand friends, in order to interest them in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and raise $30,000, at least, to maintain the present service and extend the Association from the Hongkong to the Kowloon side.

The twelve captains of teams going out to raise the $30,000, we are informed, include Mr. Cheng Teh Yu, of the Bank of China; Mr. Ko Leung Ho, of the Ho Hong Bank; Mr. Yui Shi Wing, of the Dodwell Company; Mr. Ngan Shing Kwan, of the China Motor Bus Company; Mr. Lum Wen Shu, of Wing On Company; Mr. Lum Tze Fung, of Kwang Yuan Shing Company; Mr. Lum Wing Shiu, of South China Drug Company; Dr. Shin Kwai Shang; Mr. Wu Kai Hung, of China Commercial Company; Mr. Chak Tai Kwong; and Mr. Ho Pak Ping, of Ying Wa College.

Besides providing a club to hundreds of young men taking advantage of its many activities, and a gymnasium and swimming pool for physical training, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. is conducting a day school for nearly 250 students. There are weekly lectures on religious, health, and educational topics. In addition, there are departments for assisting students to go abroad to study and young men to seek employment.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is planning to erect a building on the site it has recently acquired in Kowloon, and part of the money raised in the next two weeks will be spent on the preliminary work there.

The principal officials of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. are Mr. H. A. Wilbur, associate general secretary of the National Committee assigned to Hongkong for duty as adviser; Mr. Yimson H. Tsao, general secretary; Mr. T. Moffatt and Mr. Ko Sik Wai, associate general secretary; and Mr. Li Siu Pak and Mr. Li Ka Fung secretaries.

FILM SCANDAL.

REPORT OF REICHSTAG COMMITTEE.

Berlin, Mar. 24.

The Reichstag Committee investigating the Phoebus film scandal found that Captain Lohmann had full authority to handle the funds in his care.

The film company's liabilities amounted to 35,000,000 marks, of which the State has to pay 26,000,000 marks.

The Committee demands the immediate liquidation of all of Lohmann's enterprises.—*Reuter.*

[This film scandal was said to be the reason for Dr. Gessler's resignation of the post of Minister for Defence. It was alleged that Dr. Gessler made unauthorised grants of public money to Captain Lohmann and the Phoebus Film Company.]

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JAPANESE BUDGET.

REVISED ESTIMATES READY FOR DIET.

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

The Cabinet, after readjusting the Budget as necessitated by the resolution passed by the Diet in January, has decided to present the revised estimates at the coming special session.

The total appropriations will be Y1,704,000,000, including Y261,000,000 for the Navy and Y221,000,000 for the War Office.

The figures include the supplementary estimates. It will be necessary to float loans totalling Y142,000,000.—*Reuter.*

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NO AGREEMENT REACHED IN DISCUSSIONS.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

It is officially announced that Sir Miles Lampson left for Peking to-day, no settlement in the matter of the Nanking outrage having been reached, but the negotiations will be carried on between the Chinese authorities and Consul General Sir Sidney Barton, at Shanghai, and the Consul-General, Mr. Hewlett at Nanking.

It is unofficially stated that the points on which the negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson and the Nanking authorities broke down were:

The Chinese demands for an expression of regret for the shelling of Socony Hill during the incident, and the revision of the Sino-British so-called unequal treaties, Britain considering that the question of revision should not be linked up with a settlement of the Nanking affair.—*Reuter.*

From Chinese Sources.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Much public attention has been drawn to Sir Miles Lampson's departure for the North this morning, without proceeding to Nanking.

However, it is presumed that there is still hope for a settlement of the Nanking incident case.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

THE NORTHERN WAR.

KWANGSI TROOPS ARRIVE AT NANKING.

Nanking, Mar. 24.

Five thousand troops of the Fourth Army, composed of Kwangsi men, have reached here and crossed over to Pukow. Some troops belonging to the 29th Division with machine-guns and field wireless telegraphy, also crossed.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hunan Agreement.

Changsha, Mar. 24.

Some sort of agreement appears to have been reached between the Wuhan and Hunanese forces here.—*Naval Wireless.*

CHANGE OF MIND.

LABOURERS RESUMING WORK.

Newcastle, N.S.W., Mar. 24.

The employees at Walsh Island dockyard have agreed to return to work on Monday on the same conditions as obtained before the stoppage.—*Reuter.*

[The employees struck in opposition to a Government plan to check canny methods by payment by results. The Government threatened to close down the works.]

LUXURY TAX.

PEKING AGREES TO CANCELLATION.

Peking, Mar. 24.

The Cabinet this afternoon agreed to accept the offer of the Peking merchants to pay $50,000 monthly to the Treasury on condition that the new luxury tax is cancelled.—*Reuter.*

ATTACK ON SAMPAN.

SMALL BOY DROWNED.

Three robbers masquerading as passengers called a sampan No. 2000 in Mongkok waters on Saturday evening at about nine o'clock and once inside the craft they produced revolvers and daggers, threatening the occupants with death if they raised an alarm.

According to the vernacular press, there were one boatwoman and two small boys on the sampan. The bandits attacked the woman, when the craft was about a hundred yards from the shore, but she offered a plucky resistance, and a struggle ensued resulting in the sampan being overturned, throwing everyone into the water.

While the boatwoman was fighting the bandits she shouted for assistance, which attracted other sampans to the scene.

The woman and one of the small boys were picked up, while the other boy, a child five years old, is missing. One robber suspect was also rescued by the sampans which arrived on the scene, and saw the man struggling in the water.

When the Water Police received the news they immediately sent a posse of policemen to the scene, and it is believed on investigation that one of the raiders lost his life in the water, while the third man appears to have succeeded in making good his escape landing somewhere near Taikoktsui, New Territories. Efforts to find the body of the missing boy have not so far been successful.

TRANS-ATLANTIC.

RENE FONCK'S PLANS FOR AERIAL SERVICE.

Le Havre, Mar. 24.

The airman Captain Rene Fonck has arrived here from America and says that the plans for an Atlantic commercial air-route, which he is helping to organise, are based on the principal of floating islands.

The first of these will be two hundred miles east of New York and others at distances of 325 miles from each other.

Captain Fonck says that American financiers are ready to advance forty million dollars for the scheme.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S NAVY.

NEW 10,000 TON CRUISER LAUNCHED.

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

The Haguro, Japan's third cruiser of ten thousand tons, has been launched at Nagasaki.—*Reuter.*

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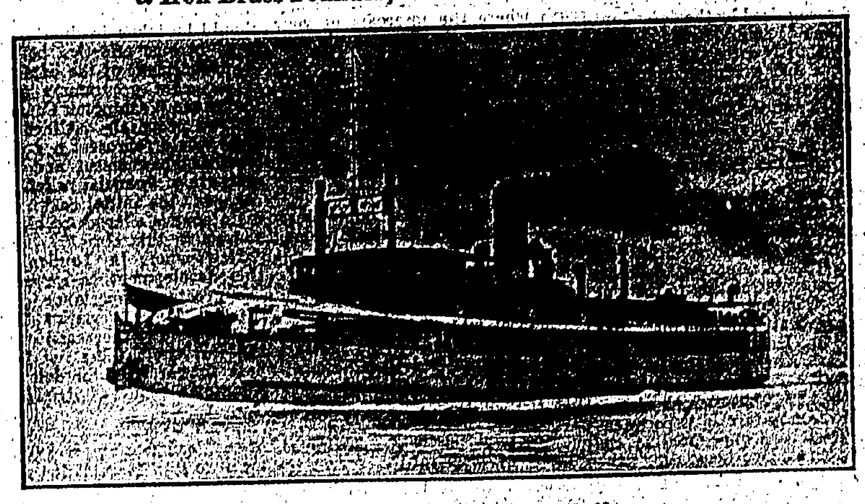

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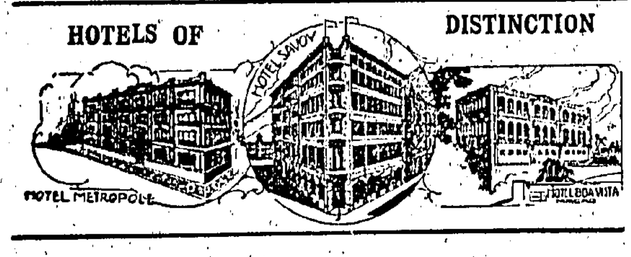

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MR. LEE HYSAN IN LIBEL ACTION.

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improperly and corruptly used his influence as a Government official to enable the Yau Seng Company to acquire the opium monopoly in Macao; that the plaintiff had been guilty of gross misconduct in the discharge of his official duties; that he had been guilty of bribery and corruption; and had connived at bribery and corruption.

The document which contained the words in questions were, according to the pleadings, caused to be sent and published to H. E. the Governor of Macao and his private secretary, by the defendant. The document and petition were printed by the Victoria Printing Press, of 3, Duddell-Hongkong, on the instructions of the defendant. A thousand copies, or thereabout, were printed and many had been sent by the defendant to prominent persons in Hongkong and Macao. Defendant threatened, and intended, to continue publication of the same or similar charges against the plaintiff. Plaintiff had been greatly injured in his credit and reputation and had suffered damage. He claimed damages and an injunction to restrain the defendant from publication of the words complained of, or any of them, or of any similar words.

Defendant's Denials.

Reading from the pleadings on behalf of defendant, counsel said it was claimed by defendant that the words did not and were not understood to mean what was alleged in the statement of claim, nor did they contain any defamatory meaning.

Defendant had for many years been a leading merchant and citizen in Macao and one of its principal benefactors. He had been continuously and actively associated with public and governmental life and on numerous occasions had been called on by Governors and Government to advise and co-operate in the solution of administrative and public problems.

The alleged libel, continued the statement of defence, was included in a petition sent to the Governor of Macao and members of the Council with whom lay the duty of upholding the credit and integrity of the Government, Government departments and officials in the eyes of the citizens, the great majority of whom were of Chinese race, with the object of assisting them in the discharge of the aforesaid duty.

Acted Bona Fide.

The petition was printed and circulated without any malice towards the plaintiff or at all, but with the purpose of securing, in the interest of the public of the Colony, as well as in the interest of the Governor and his Council, a Governmental enquiry into (*inter alia*) the facts which had come to the knowledge of the defendant through the medium of the said letter and in the honest belief that the statements therein contained were true. In so doing, the defendant acted *bona fide* in a matter in which the defendant, by reason of his long and intimate association with public affairs in Macao, had an interest, and was published to those who had a corresponding interest and duty. Save as was therein stated, there was no further publication except to the defendant's legal advisers.

Counsel also read from further particulars supplied by the defendant in which defendant stated said that included with the letter to him from Fung Cheung was a receipt in Chinese issued by the Yau Seng Company for $100, being the amount subscribed by one Miss Tin Fo to the share capital of the Yau Sing Company. The receipt was signed and issued by Lu Kin Butt, whose signature was well-known to and recognised by the defendant. Defendant interviewed Fung Cheung shortly after the receipt of his letter and examined him carefully upon the sources of his information and the statements made in his letter.

Genuine Signature.

Defendant had no means of proving conclusively the truth of the said statement, but he was satisfied that the signature of Lu Kin Butt on the receipt was genuine. The statements relating to the Yue Seng Company corroborated reports that defendant had heard in Hongkong. The fact that Lu Kin Butt, who was at that time serving the Government of Macao as the adviser of the recently-formed department which had been announced by the Government to be operating the Macao Opium Farm instead of the Monopolist, was issuing receipts for subscriptions to the capital of a firm which was reported to be the Macao Opium Monopolist, appeared to the defendant to be a matter of grave irregularity which required the immediate investigation of the Macao Government, and, further, that it was defendant's duty to report the matter immediately to H. E. the Governor of Macao.

Defendant also stated, in the course of the particulars supplied, that he caused to be printed three hundred copies and no more, the reason being that the Victoria Printing Press stated that as he desired the document to be printed in as quick a time as possible, they would charge him for three hundred copies no matter how many he actually required.

Not Defamatory.

Counsel commented that the defendant did not attempt to say that the statements contained in the alleged libel were true. He said they were not defamatory. On the contrary, the plaintiffs said that they were and that they were clearly read in a defamatory sense by those who read them.

Defendant further claimed that they were privileged. But the plaintiff claimed that even if they were privileged, that privilege was destroyed because plaintiff was actuated by express malice. Defendant, up till the end of June of last year, was acting with a Company called the Yue Sing and Company which managed the opium farm in Macao (prior to that date it had been let out to tender for three years at a time, the Yue Sing having been the successful tenderers on previous occasions).

The Yue Sing and Company was a somewhat nebulous institution, a sort of Jekyll and Hyde. It was sometimes represented as a business of a single individual, Yue Sing, of whom the defendant claimed to be an attorney, and sometimes as a syndicate partnership which had a considerable number of shareholders and which issued scrip and of which the defendant claimed to be a managing director. The petition in which the libel was contained represented Yue Sing in the first of his two capacities.

Government Control.

Continuing, counsel said that when the Farm terminated in June of last year, it was decided by the Government of Macao to take over the management and control of opium themselves, this being the practise becoming more prevalent in all countries concerned with the sale of opium, certain Conventions and Agreements having been entered into under the League of Nations. The old monopolists had to come to an end and plaintiff was appointed as a Superintendent and Administrator in the new Farm, he taking into his employment as advisers people who had been connected with the opium monopoly before, as he had had no previous experience. He had been in the Government service for several years and had retired, acting with banking and other business ventures but being re-appointed to do this work.

The defendant had not to any serious extent suffered, continued counsel, and there was no reason why he should. He seemed, however, to have suffered from intense resentment that he was not consulted or made a figurehead in the new administration. This, claimed counsel, appeared throughout the petition to the Governor of Macao which counsel proceeded to read in full.

Services to Government.

The petition, as quoted, set out the various benefactions to Macao by defendant. "Having fulfilled every obligation under the contract with the Government and having done more than it may be expected of any member of the community in Macao in rendering services to the Government," the petition read, "your petitioner feels that he should be given, if not *preferential, at least fair* and sympathetic treatment at the hands of the Government in any case where the interests of your Petitioner or the Company is concerned. Your Petitioner also expected that he and the Company should enjoy the confidence of the Government in connexion with matters concerning the Opium Monopoly and that they should be consulted in the event of any change in the management."

Counsel continued to quote other extracts from the Petition, which, he said, indicated that the defendant intended to attack the new Department and everyone included in it.

Counsel was referring to the individuals to whom the petition with document containing the alleged libel had been sent, when his Lordship said he gathered that the document had been sent to certain lawyers mentioned merely as lawyers.

Counsel said that it was claimed for the plaintiff that they had been sent merely to give the document the widest publicity possible. It was true that defendant had at one time or another consulted every lawyer in Macao, but it was plaintiff's contention that the sending of the document was merely a pretence to give it publicity.

Mr. Alabaster, in the course of his speech, said that by Lo Bo was meant the plaintiff; Ah Mut would mean someone else connected with the Government in Macao; and Tsoi Tung might mean either the Treasury or the Colonial Treasurer of Macao.

The case is proceeding.

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The two officers concerned will be defended by an American-born London barrister, Mr. Day Kimball. —*Reuter.*

American Versions.

London, March 16.—Three British naval officers have been suspended because of a disagreement over whether the band attached to the battleship Royal Oak should play dance music at a party given by Rear Admiral Bernard Collard. The dispute occurred at Malta. The captain and the commander of the vessel refused to honour Admiral Collard's order for the music. The suspended officers will be court-martialled.—*Associated Press.*

London, Mar, 10.

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The statement declared that the entire trouble arose over the question as to whether the ship should have a jazz band.

During the course of an argument on this subject, the Admiral struck the bandmaster, whereupon the crew declined to sail with the vessel. Subsequently, however, the tension slackened.—*United Press.*

GENEVA CREATES PESSIMISM.

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Detailed Scheme.

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